Secret Societies - 1914.

BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH IN SESSION AT NORFOLK, VA.

Nutter Defeats Scott the Second Time for Grand Exalted Ruler

GEORGE BATES RE-ELECTED

Order Owns $49,657 and Has Paid out in Sick and Death Benefits During Year, $24,850—193 Lodges, with 18,000 Members.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 1.—After a strenuous campaign covering several months, during which every artifice and plan known to shrewd and capable political workers were tried, the claims of Armond W. Scott were passed over for the second time, and he was obliged to bow his head in obeisance to the banners of T. Gillis Nutter of Charleston, West Virginia, who was, by a majority of nearly forty, elected grand exalted ruler of the I. B. P. O. E. of the World in the fifteenth annual session held here in the Tents Hall, Church street, August 25 to 28.

It was the second time Mr. Scott had contested Mr. Nutter's claim to the highest office of the Elk's national body, his defeat coming the first time by a bare majority of five. A bitter campaign was waged, and much feeling was generated among the best people on earth both before and during the session. But all expression of contention was confined to verbal gymnastics; there was no physical demonstration of differences of opinion.

Fight on Negro Elks About Stopped.

The session was one of the most encouraging ever held. It developed from reports that it is almost a practical certainty that the fight waged in the past by white Elks to stop the Negro Elks from using the title would be stopped. There is only one case pending, in Ohio, and that is waiting a rehearsal which was postponed at request of the white lodges. In the meantime an injunction has put an estoppal to interference with the colored lodges while this rehearsing is pending.

The grand secretary's report shows that the Order is in possession of real estate to the value of $49,657. During the past year sick benefits have been paid to members to the amount of $14,725, while $10,125 were paid in death benefits. The membership approximates 18,000, and there are 193 lodges in the United States and West Indies. The largest local lodge in point of membership is the O. V. Catto Lodge, No. 20, of Philadelphia, which has a membership of 456.

Fourteen Elks Bands in Parade.

In the grand parade more than 5,000 men were in line, and fourteen Negro bands, all Elk's bands, furnished the music. Besides there were thirty-five to forty autos and carriages with the officers and ladies. Lodges that were commended for splendid appearance were the O. V. Catto Lodge, the Royal Lodge, No. 77, of Petersburg, and the Eureka Lodge, No. 5, of Norfolk. A platoon of mounted police from the Norfolk police force headed the procession, and at each cross street policemen were stationed to prevent any traffic crossing while the Elks parade was in motion. Norfolk daily papers say it was the best parade ever seen in this town. The attitude of the white people of Norfolk, both officials and private citizens, was cordial and friendly. At the ball, given in the armory of the Virginia National Guard, which had not been opened to Negroes before, a number of the leading white citizens were present and occupied seats in the balcony.

Excursions were given to entertain the visiting delegates to Buckroe Beach, Hampton and other points nearby.

After a warm and spirited contest between Boston, Atlantic City and Chicago, the grand lodge decided by a good vote to hold the next session in Chicago, Ill.

George Bates Paid High Compliment.

A splendid compliment was paid to the grand secretary, George E. Bates of Newark. Mr. Bates was re-elected to his fourth consecutive term of service, on a suspension of the rules, by a unanimous vote by acclamation.

Other officers for the ensuing year are James T. Carter of Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; Stewart Hoyt of Boston, esteemed leading knight; J. H. Starkey of Cleveland, grand esteemed loyal knight; Wm. H. Leonard of Philadelphia, grand esteemed lecturing knight; W. H. McFarland of Brooklyn, grand esquire; W. H. Johnson of St. Paul, Minn., grand inner guard; Dr. H. C. Stevens of Wilmington, Del., grand tyler; J. Clay Smith of Washington, grand trustee; other trustees are J. J. Jones of Chicago and Wm. H. Jones of Philadelphia. The following appointments were made by the grand exalted ruler: The Rev. J. E. Churchman of Orange, grand chaplain; Wm. H. Stanton of Pittsburgh, grand legal adviser; Samuel B. Noble of Danville, Va., grand master of social sessions.

The officers of the Daughters of Elks are: Mrs. Mamie Hodges, grand D. R.; Mrs. Lottie Kennaday, vice D. R.; Mrs. Mary Smith, assistant D. R.; Mrs. Emma V. Kelley, grand secretary; Mrs. Young, grand treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball, grand escort; Mrs. Mollie Green, grand chaplain. Trustees: Mrs. Minnie Johnson, chairman, Newark N. J.; Mrs. Harriette Bartlett and Mrs Sarah Robinson.

NEGRO PYTHIANS TO ERECT TEMPLE

Selma Meeting Makes Assessment by Unanimous Vote of Grand Lodge—Plea Made for Harmony in Ranks

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Selma Bureau of The Advertiser, H. L. Lardent, Corr.

A resolution assessing each member of the negro Knights of Pythias $1 per year was passed by the Grand Lodge here today, which means the collection of practically $10,000 annually to be applied to a fund for the erection of a Pythian temple in this State. The resolution was passed unanimously following strong speeches by the Supreme Chancellor of the order, S. W. Green, of New Orleans, and G. R. Hutto, of Bainbridge, Ga., Grand Master of the Pythians of that State, who detailed to the Alabamians the results of the erection of temples in those States.

The Supreme Chancellor, in his address, pleaded for harmony in the ranks, and declared that the organization in each State needed a stronger guarantee of the safety of its funds than mere money in the banks. He declared that the Louisiana Pythians owned a 6-story steel structure in the heart of the down town section of New Orleans, valued at $200,000, and that it was a guarantee that any obligations of the Endowment Department could be met. The same was true of the Georgians, whom he stated owned besides $42,000 in the endowment treasury, an $80,000 temple in Macon.

Grand Master Hutto detailed the plan by which the order in Georgia erected its building. The resolution passed unanimously gives positive endorsement to the efforts of Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount, directed for some years toward the creation of sufficient sentiment to erect a temple in this State.

With the appointment of committees the Grand Lodge got down to business early Wednesday, and the promise of an early adjournment is the indication. A joint meting of the Knights of Pythias and the Court of Calanthe, the womens' department, affiliated with the organization, was held at Brown Chapel Tuesday night, at which time addresses of welcome were delivered by prominent negroes of Selma. Dr. L. L. Burwell, presided over the meeting. Welcme addresses were delivered by J. W. Goree, Vice Grand Chancellor; Dr. J. W. Moorer, Rev. J. W. Walker and Mrs. E. A. Aillison representing the women's department. The responses were made by W. J. Echols, Oscar W. Adams, Rev. J. D. Workman and Mrs. F. M. Cosby.

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount delivered his annual address, congratulating the order upon the flourishing condition that obtained and making some important recommendations. The work of the grand lecturer was especially commended, as well as the need of cooperation that had existed during the year among the officials of the order. The matter of the Pythian Temple was discussed freely by the grand chancellor, who recommended that a special commission be appointed to have the matter in charge, out of which the building committee would be selected. He paid tribute to the 117 members of the order who had passed away during the year, and called attention to the Grand Lodge in an official way to the presence of the Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green, of New Orleans, Grand Chancellor G. R. Hutto of Georgia, and Roscoe C. Simmons, Past Grand Chancellor of New York.

In reviewing the condition of the Pythians throughout the country, Supreme Chancellor Green stated that the Supreme Lodge through its grand lodges owned temples in Georgia, Missouri, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia, and that the grand lodges of Florida and Texas have purchased sites for temples and are now collecting funds with which to build. The Supreme Lodge, he said, owns a row of three-story brick buildings in Chicago upon which there is not one cent of indebtedness. "We are now erecting a Pythian Sanatorium in Hot Springs," said the Supreme Chancellor, at a cost of about $20,000, which will be completed within sixty days. The plans and specifications were drawn by W. T. Bailey, a Tuskegee architect. The membership of the order is now about 100,000 with 70,000 in the female department. The resources of the order in cash and real estate is now $1,500,000.

$150,000 SURPLUS IN TEXAS LODGE TREASURY

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

HOUSTON, Texas, June 29—The board of managers of the Grand Lodge United Brothers of Friendship of Texas assembled in the U. B. F. Building in this City. The president is W. F. Bledsoe, of Marshall; the grand secretary is F. W. Gross, of Houston, and the grand treasurer is Joseph Nichols, of Houston.

The grand secretary made the following report of receipts for the three months ending May 30:

For widows and orphans, $21,231; for special reserve, $8,690.75; for rent of office building, $2,427; for grand lodge taxes $1,413.25; for burial taxes, $972; for National Grand Lodge taxes, $498.45; for the sale of supplies, $241.04; for interest on deposits, $183.42; for regular reserve, $57.50; for the change of policies, $25.75; for home and business taxes, $7.25; total receipts for three months, $35,747.47.

The board set aside $20,000 to pay death claims for the quarter. The secretary reported the assets at $260,000 with a net surplus of $150,000.

that good old shepherd, whom God selected to offer his only son, Isaac, up as a burnt offering to our God on the Hill, Mariah. No true Christian can fairly refuse this Order under its great name—Grand United Order of Abraham, but will rally to the cause, and place a Lodge wherever man or woman can be found in North Carolina.

Chartered.

Section 8. This Order was chartered at Raleigh, N. C., September 16, 1913, and approved and filed in the office of the Hon. James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, September 15, 1913. Passed by act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, March, 1913, and recorded on Page 379, etc., Deputy Clerk Superior Court of Richmond County, North Carolina, May 20, 1914.

Section 9. See the great protection for its members. When one has a wife or children to lay sick and at last to die, and leaves them dependent with nothing to go upon, and many times heavy debts hanging over them, which must be paid, great or small however the debt may be, should he or she be a member of this grand old Order, carrying a mutual insurance policy for $100.00, they will feel no fear.

Section 10. In this Society you have the attention of members when sick, get a decent burial and your legal representative receives not less than $50.00 after your death and not over $100.00, for the small sum of 25 cents per month to the Home Office, and a quarterly tax of 10 cents and a semi-annual tax of 25 cents.

Section 11. And, with joining fees $2.50 in club, and $5.00 after a Lodge is chartered, and not less than $1.50 per week for sickness.

Every man and woman that is looking forward to the future or care anything for themselves, family or race, should think of this: Thousands of men and women lie down and die, and do not leave one cent for their families to go upon.

Mothers, appeal to your husbands and sons, Fathers, appeal to your wife and daughters to become a member, for the family's benefit.

Section 13. This Society should be located in every town and city in North Carolina, and among the best people, for the bad are not wanted and cannot become members according to the laws of this Order. This is a first-class society, and is second to none.

How to Organize.

Call the people together and elect a president, secretary and treasurer, and each one pay in the amount of $2.50. Then notify the S. G. K. at Rockingham, N. C., and he will come

or send a deputy to sit you club apart.

Section 14. Sixteen people may institute a lodge, but a club can be set apart with seven members.

Farmers Bank of Rockingham used as S. G. T.

N. S. GILLESPIE, Founder, S. G. K.

Address all mail matters to Grand United Order of Abraham, Rockingham, N. C. Box 143.

A. J. SETTLES, S. G. T.
D. D. STEEL, S. G. S.

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CONTRACT

FOR BIG NEGRO BUILDING

Colored Knights of Pythias File Plans In the Inspector's Office.

A contract has been let and a building permit asked for the largest building owned and occupied by a negro organization in the South. The building permit was requested in the name of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Kentucky. The site of the new building is the southeast corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets. Its estimated cost is $150,000.

The plans as drawn by Henry Wolters contemplate the erection of a six-story building, 106x64 feet, with basement. The building will be fireproof throughout. The material used will be concrete and brick faced with stone. The building will have very much the appearance of The Seelbach on a smaller scale.

In the basement there will be club-rooms, buffet, billiard and pool rooms, barber shop, bowling alleys and restaurant. There will be six storercoms and a picture show seating 600 on the first floor. On the second floor there will be lodge offices. The third floor will be given over to dormitories. Two large lodge rooms and more dormitories will be on the fourth floor. The fifth floor will be occupied by an immense assembly hall. Galleries and smal rooms fill up the sixth floor.

The contract for the erection of the building has been awarded to the Falls City Construction Company.

Because of apparent shortage o exits from the picture show the application for the building permit is be ing held up temporarily by Assistan Building Inspector Carl Mann.

FORCED FUNERAL ATTENDANCE

This whole Southern country is greatly afflicted with a multiplicity of secret, fraternal and benevolent societies. Many of these provide for their members a sick relief as well as a small sum for funeral expenses. There are features connected with these organizations that are an outrage. On the death of a member many of these organizations require the attendance of all members, or a fine of from $1.00 to $2.00 for failure to attend the funeral. This is in addition to a funeral tax and even a carriage tax. And this forced attendance upon the funeral is unnatural and unnecessary. In the first place many of the persons who are forced to attend the funeral have no special interest in the deceased apart from membership in the organization which is largely based upon the idea of relief. And then too this large attendance is often unnecessary, and the forced attendance works a hardship on many of those who attend. They must lose actually a day's work in order to make one of these funerals. This day's work is worth from $1.00 to $2.00. If they do not attend they must pay a fine and if they do attend they lose a whole day's work, and there is the outrage of the whole matter. Poor people who can ill afford to lose a day's work with large families to support, are greatly handicapped by such a procedure. What these organizations should do is to keep up their requirements to provide relief in sickness and funeral expenses at death, and to bury their deceased members by committees and small committees at that. We know one organization in the city of New Orleans among the women, whose shame has been that they actually spent more on funeral parades than they did in providing relief for the family of the deceased.

FAKE MASON

ETS CAUGHT

the Amsterdam News 4-4-14.

Jones, With Desire to Lead Ancient and Honored Fraternity, Branded as an Impostor

OUSTED BY GRAND LODGE

Eastern and Western Members of World Wide and Sacred Craft Unite in Opposition Against Man Whose Work has Sorely Stiffled Progress of Great Order by Base and Ugly Methods.

"The A. F. & A. M. Masons. Who are they? What are they?" has been the question for some time past, but revelations growing out of a year or more's contact with some of its leaders brings to light facts that the presumptuous Masons are a distorted and pitiful lot to-day. It is said by those who know, that all the rumors circulated are true, for said one of the former members: "John G. Jones looks upon us as a money-making proposition and a mere convenience for his selfish purposes, greed and gain."

He has recklessly expelled lodges and members without regard to law or order and notwithstanding the fact that he has been arrested upon complaint of some of them, there is an apparent persistency on his part to head the order, though his methods and actions in the past are in question. New York has been the stronghold for male and female branches of the A. F. & A. M.'s, which are now rent asunder on account of Jones' actions. It is not long since he was arrested in Sumner Hall, Brooklyn and hailed to the Adams street police court following a most disgraceful scene in that hall.

J. J. Burnell, a former grand master of this State and scores of others have been expelled by him, and are now giving Jones the fight of his life and are crying "Down with high-handed methods and the base actions of the hypocrite!" Few people know that Jones was tried in Chicago, Ill., on a charge of gross unmasonic conduct and was expelled from the Masonry by the W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of Illinois, while Henry E. Burris was grand master and Richard E. Moore was grand secretary in 1903. Not only these but other grave charges are made against Jones. Wm. T. M. Grant, Sr., of New Orleans, writing Mrs. M. C. Hogan of Cambridge, Mass. says: in part "This is to inform you that you have made a vast and sad mistake in your actions and while in Chicago, Ill., a few days ago, you have allowed John G. Jones to mislead you and to circulate frivolous communications unwarranted and bearing false statements therein and interfering with my official duty as supreme grand matron of Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star."

But this is not all. Mrs. Martha Schroeder, past royal grand matron and former worthy and efficient member, was uncermoniously expelled, as have been people of prominence who have fallen victims of the misguiding Jones. But now the fight is on and led mainly by Queen Esther Chapter.

March 17, 1914.—R. G. M. Officers of Queen Esthers Grand Chapter O. E. S. N. Y. State:

I beg to render the following report —The so-called joint session of the Imperial Grand Council A. A. O. N. of S. of N. S. America was called at 18th street and 8th avenue, New York City on March 8, 1914. With the following officers in their so-called station: John G. Jones, R. L. Devas, L. N. Paultry, Jas. N. Brown, Wm. Le Boo, John Burgess. Oscar Wilson called the meeting to order, and put all the women out in the ante room. After the regular way of opening, J. N. Brown was appointed secretary and R. L. Devass Tyler. John G. Jones then called the names of J. J. Burnell, Edward Henry, N. W. Davis, J. A. McCoy, I. H. McCoy, J. Thorpe, C. J. Crowder, Benjamin Williams, Mrs. M. Schroeder, Annie Garrison, Nettie J. Thorpe, Ella Crowder, Sarah A. Burnell, L. J. Houton and all of Burnell followers as being expelled.

The motion was made that same be received and a motion adopted carried.

After Burnell was scored by Jones as menace to the order the male meeting was then called offhand. The Supreme Grand Court was then called on with Mrs. L. Willie Jones ordered to preside until Mrs. H. V. Paultry arrived, as Mrs. Paultry was the Supreme Woman in New York.

The officers of the Supreme Grand Court, as seated, was Mrs. H. V. Paultry, Mrs. Willie Jones in the east, Mrs. Paultry presiding. Mrs. Amy Foster, V. G. M., Ella Lane, H. P., Frances Green, W. Adv. Other officers were Eva Major Nancy Phillips.

In the east were J. G. Jones, P. W. Jones, J. N. Brown, Mrs. Smith, of Beacon Light; H. M. Jackeson, Rec., Lucinda Simms, Excq.

After they had regularly opened, Jones told those present that Burnell and all of his followers, as has been named, were expelled from all departments of freemasonry for life for conduct unbecoming masons.

Motion by Mrs. Willie Jones, sec., by Eva Major that Noble Jones' report be received and we govern ourselves accordingly motion carried. Seated in said meeting were Bros. P. Frederick, sion as regards the actions of Jones being right.

As Messrs. J. N. Brown, L. N. Paultry, R. L. DeVass, Wm. Le Boo and J. Burgess were all legally expelled from Hiram Grand Lodge of New York.

As was Bros. P. W. Jones, P. Frederick, both members of this grand body, I herein report them as associating with expelled members of this grand body to the detriment of said body and the impediment of its progress, peace and harmony.

This duty I perform as R. G. Lecturer of Queen Esther Grand Chapter O. E. S. State of New York.

R. G. L. Q. E. S.
O. E. WE. N. Y.

More facts will be brought to light from time to time. While it is true that many well-known men and women representing the 13 and 15 or more male and female branches respectively in this State had identified themselves with the Jones' movement, many are now seeking refuge elsewhere, thoroughly disgusted. At a meeting that held in this city at 18th St. and 8th Ave. on March 8, 1914, the following facts were brought to light:

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Grand Master Morris Replied to All Charges--Masterly Report Wins Friends for Administration.

Calm After the Storm--Warring Factions Unite. Washington is Next Place of Meeting.--Boston Advocate Issues a Creditable Daily.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows have charge of Boston, and there are here from all parts of the country, and almost every State in the Union is represented. The second day's session was full of interest, and there were many short talks made.

There is no effort on the part of Grand Master Morris to keep the men from talking, but declares that every man shall have his rights, and be permitted at the same time to have his say. His rulings are fair and impartial, and he is one of the greatest presiding officers in the race, or any other race.

There was a little delay in getting opened yesterday morning, but every delegate was on time, and took part in the opening. Rev. W. H. Mixon, D. D., of Selma, Ala., led the assembly in singing "Go Preach My Gospel Saith the Lord," and made a fervent prayer for the success of the meeting during the entire session.

Immediately following the opening Secretary Needham read the Journal, which was approved, and then followed the first skirmish, so to speak. It was the election of a secretary for the session. In this it was said would be a test of the strength of the administration and anti-administration forces.

There were placed in nomination two candidates for the place, and after the roll call, W. Randolph Smith, of Chicago, was elected, and J. H. Johnson, of North Carolina was elected assistant secretary. This was victory ofr the administration. The Grand Lodge at this point took recess for dinner.

Dr. Mixon prayed at the opening for the afternoon session. Time for holding sessions was fixed by unanimous vote from ten o'clock daily, and the Grand Master E. H. Morris, will have power by action of the B. M. C. to call an afternoon session if found necessary.

Easily the feature of yesterday could be termed the masterly address delivered by Grand Master E. H. Morris of Chicago. It is not surprising that the master mind should produce such an address. He said some plain things to the Odd Fellows. He set forth the position of the Order.

"The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, as well as in other parts of the world is the apostle of liberty, and is the defender of the principles of friendship, love and truth," was the declaration made by Hon. E. H. Morris, of Chicago. "We draw no line or race or color, but all human beings who are worthy are welcome, and in any part of the world you are recognized if you are a member of this Order. We received our charter from England and were the first Odd Fellows in this country."

Grand Master Morris scored race prejudice as being inhuman, mean and cruel, and marred the happiness of mankind. He was also opposed to sectionalism, Jim Crowism, segregation and everything else which worked against human beings. Continuing his address he said, "I am not prejudiced against a white man, because many of my clients are white; I am not prejudiced against a Chinaman, an Indian, an Irishman or any other man; with men a man is a man, and as for my people, most of you were born down South and moved up here."

In his biennial address Mr. Morris touched every phase of the Order, and named some of the men who had been in the way. He scored some of the officers who had not worked in harmony with the administration. At the close of the address, the convention took recess until this morning at 10 o'clock. It is thought that there will be a lively time today when the committee will report on Grand Master's address. Grand Secretary R. J. Davis of Georgia served notice that he would rise to a question of privilege after the reading of the minutes this morning.

This is the seventeenth session of the B. M. C., the Grand Household of Ruth, the Grand Staff Council, and Grand Master's Council. These bodies have brought to the city fully 2,000 representative colored men and women from all parts of the country. Thirty-seven States were represented at the opening yesterday morning. Among the delegates were doctors, lawyers, merchants, college presidents and professors, teachers, bankers, farmers, editors, clerks, domestic servants—in fact, every line of business, trade or profession is represented. Men and women from the extreme South, all working with those in this section of the country are a unit for the betterment of their race.

Last night an educational mass-meeting was held by Dr. W. H. Mixon Grand Chaplain, and presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church in Alabama. Rev. M. W. Thornton, D. D. of Charles Street A. M. E. Church, presided, and addresses were delivered by Bishop J. A. Williams, D. D., the C. M. E. Church, Augusta, Ga.; E. P. Jones, D. D., of Mississippi; Joseph J. Jones of Ohio, Charles Stewart of Illinois; J. P. Needham of Pennsylvania, T. L. Brooks of Kentucky; Ira T. Bryant of Tenn., Miss Nora Taylor of Chicago, Ill., Madam C. J. Walker of Indianapolis, Md., Mrs. W. H. Brice of Boston and others.

The delegates will be entertained tonight at Charles Street A. M. E. Church, by Charles Stewart, A. M., of Chicago, who will deliver a lecture on "Sambo Waxed Fat and Kicked."

At the fourth biennial conclave of the Patriarchal Order of Past Grand Masters' Councils, G. U. O. of O. F., in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Russell Street, yesterday morning Robert J. Taylor of Boston was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. The other officers chosen were W. R. Janey of Indiana, D. G. M.; W. H. Coleman of Washington, G. S.; W. H. Jones of Richmond, G. C.; Alexander Der Courcey of Washington, D. C., G. W.; James T. Johnson of Washington, D. C., G. G.

When asked by the Advocate reporter for a statement regarding his candidacy for re-election, Grand Master Morris declared he had nothing to say. However, judging from what he said at the reception given him by the Court of Honor Committee at Paul Revere Hall, we guess the duties which he has pursued for some time will not overburden him.

The Grand Household of Ruth opened its session at 4:20 Monday P. M., with Grand Worthy Superior Mary A. Parker of Washington, D. C., in the chair. More than 900 delegates responded to the roll call, with more than 25 from Georgia. In the session Tuesday the meeting was closed after the Grand Worthy Superior appointed the following committee: Congratulations, Grievances, Rules, Regulations, Condolences and Annual Address.

"Majestic Casino" on Northfield and Tremont Streets, was packed last night when a grand reception was tendered the officers and delegates of the Grand Household of Ruth, which is now in session at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The affair was up to date every way. The committee was composed of members from the Local Households.

Manager Scott received many praises for the way in which he took care of the large crowd.

Pat Toy and his famous orchestra furnished the music.

THURSDAY SESSION.

While the fourth day's session of the B. M. C. convention was short on account of the street parade, yet it was interesting and important, and will stand out prominent in history. No session ever held by the order will perhaps have a greater place, because of the action of the body in providing for a tribute to the memory of men who spoke for the race at a time when it was helpless.

"Blest be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love," was used to open this important session led by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Mixon, of Alabama. The opening prayer was made by Rev. J. C. Desverney.

Grand Master Morris declared the convention opened for business and the journal was read by W. Randolph Smith, Grand Secretary for the session. With the adoption of the minutes, followed the announcement of committees.

A representative, Thomas J. Monroe, from Ohio, called attention to the importance of the place of meeting—historic Boston, and while he was aware of the fact that the men were not members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, yet they were friends of the race—they gave their best thoughts and their best talent to the race then in slavery and for that reason thought that the members should pay a tribute to the memory of the friends of human rights and liberty by placing a flower on the graves of Wendell Phillips and Charles Sumner.

"Let the world know that we are not ingrates," continued Mr. Monroe of Ohio. "This is our time to act."

"While it is out of order," said Grand Master Morris, "I will entertain a motion." And Mr. Monroe made the motion. This brought to the floor at least fifty men who were anxious to second the motion.

Rev. W. H. Mixon, D. D., of Alabama, said: "We shall never forget these great men, and as we hold this session in the historic city of our nation, let us not forget our own Crispus Attucks of blessed memory. The man whose blood was the first to flow for our country's independence, and whose name will ever figure in the history of the United States. I am proud of the opportunity to second the motion."

"We appreciate the work of our friends," said Henry Lincoln Johnson, deputy grand master, "and I am glad that we are going to take advantage of this opportunity. Let us not forget Robert G. Shaw and Ben Butler. They were also our friends." Their names were then included in the motion made, and continuing Mr. Johnson said: "Let us make this a grand occasion. Not only appoint a committee consisting of one from each state as provided in the motion, but let us also include the grand master, the grand officers and the officers of the Household of Ruth. Let us make it an occasion. Let us show our gratitude.

Several others spoke on the motion, and the floor was accorded H. L. Slaughter of the District of Columbia, who offered a resolution which was referred to committee without reading.

Major R. R. Jackson of Chicago, was accorded the floor on the presentation of a resolution and invitation to the B. M. C. and Odd Fellows throughout America to take part in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln. Major Jackson said that the State of Illinois had given $25,000 for the purpose of making it a success, and almost all the fraternal organizations in the country were planning for an exhibit, and it was the desire to have the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the number. He spoke of the progress made by the order, of the good work done, and it was but fitting that it should be in the great movement which would stand out prominent in history. The resolution was referred to the committee without reading.

Then followed the announcement for time and place of the meeting of

the various committees. Grand Master Morris said that he was commander-in-chief of the uniform rank of the Order, and as such it was his duty to be ready to move in the parade. "It will soon be ready to start," he said, "and shall we return here after the parade and do some business?" "No, no," was the answer from all parts of the house.

"We will then stand adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning," he said, and Rev. W. H. Mixon made a short prayer.

Hon. E. H. Morris of Chicago, the Grand Master of America, is one of the most successful and most noted lawyers in the country, saying nothing about race or color. He enjoys a lucrative practice, and among his clients are some of the wealthiest people of Chicago of both races. He is kept busy. He has been the leading spirit in public affairs around Chicago for years, and has contributed much to the success of Odd Fellows. There is a demand made that he fill the position of Grand Master for another term. It looks that he is going to be forced to accept. In that event there will be a few changes in the slates.

When Grand Master Morris called the fifth day's session of the B. M. C. Friday morning all the delegates were present and took part in the opening which was conducted by Rev. Wm. D. Johnson of Georgia. The journal was read and then followed the visit of the Grand Household by a committee of forty-five women.

Miss Annie J. Bowman of Louisville, Ky., introduced Mrs. M. E. Washington, chairman of the committee. She said in part:

"It is our pleasure and privilege to greet you on this occasion of your B. M. C. Assembly and bring you greetings of that large body of women who compose the Supreme Grand Household of Ruth. I crave your patience and interest while I endeavor to present you this message which is yours to spread more widely.

"The past biennial term has been one of more than ordinary growth and activity. In the name of Ruth we bring heartiest wishes, our tenderest memories and a spirit which seeks to co-operate with your own in the welfare of this great fraternity the G. M. O. of O. F.

"To say the Ruth flourishes like the green bay tree but mildly, expresses it. With this comes the joy, we are broadening our field, widening our horizon, sowing our seed in new pastures, reaping new harvests in far away places, climbing onward and upward, rejoicing in the vast army following our banner.

"We believe in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man and the sisterhood of women. We teach our Ruths that to reach perfection is womanhood. We must purify ourselves in thought, word and deed.

The address was responded to by Revs. W. H. Mixon and H. L. Johnson of Maryland.

The entire morning session was spent in hearing reports of committees. The delegates got down to business, and were kept busy until 3 o'clock when a recess was had for dinner until 5.

When the B. M. C. met at 5 o'clock it looked as if every delegate was on hand and took part in the opening which was conducted by Rev. W. H. Mixon of Alabama.

The proposition was considered by the convention and so continued until 1 o'clock Saturday morning a. then followed the report of the committee on Grand Master's address read by J. C. Asbury of Pennsylvania.

On motion to adopt the report brought to the floor, B. J. Davis, of Georgia and he made fur fly, so to speak. It was then that he took the opportunity to answer the charges made against him by the Grand Master.

Mr. Davis paid a compliment to J. C. Asbury by speaking of him as an ex-Odd Fellow. He declared that Asbury had tried to break up the Order in Georgia and Alabama because he could not get an office, and the Odd Fellows were forced to go into court, take out an injunction against the ancient order of Odd Fellows.

Hon. H. L. Johnson, Deputy Grand Master, spoke on the report. Grand Master Morris replied as did J. C. Asbury and the Committee's report was adopted.

All night long the B. M. C. was in session.

Then came the election, and the following officers were duly elected:

Grand Master, Edward H. Morris, re-elected; Deputy Grand Master, Julius C. Johnson, Maryland; Grand Treasurer, W. David Brown, New York; Grand Secretary, James F. Needham, Pennsylvania; Grand Directors, A. T. Shirley, Virginia; E. P. Jones, Mississippi; J. H. Johnson, North Carolina; George H. Mays, Florida; I. L. Roberts, Massachusetts; Grand Auditors, T. J. Green, South Carolina; W. H. Mixon, Alabama; J. H. Miller, New Jersey.

One of the most hopeful and peaceful signs of continued friendship, love and truth was at the close of the session when, with tears running down their cheeks, Grand Master Morris and Benjamin F. Davis of Atlanta, Ga., grasped each other's hands, truly the same was beautiful to behold and offered a good example to the large delegation as to the real friendship, love and truth.

Washington, D. C. was selected as the meeting place in August, 1916.

After a very pleasing session and an excellent report during the past two years the following officers were elected in Grand Household:

Mrs. Mary A. Parker, Most Worthy Grand Superior, D. C.; Mrs. Martha J. Wells, Right Worthy Grand Superior, Pa.; Mrs. Jessie L. Page, Grand Treasurer, Superior, Fla.; Mrs. B. E. Detoscano, Grand Worthy Recorder, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary E. Washington, Grand Prelate, Ind.; Mrs. Carry Brown, Grand Worthy Usher, Mass.; Miss Minnie L. Bradley, Grand Worthy Chamberlain, Conn.; Miss Bessie Malone, Grand Worthy Shepherd, Miss.; Miss L. P. Fortune, Chairman Committee on Government, Ga.; Miss H. E. Caroline, Committee on Government, Ark.

THE B. M. C. AT BOSTON.

The Biennial Movable Committee recently in session at Boston, Mass. is now a matter of history. The complete triumph of Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward H. Morris of Chicago, shows that he and his associates had carefully planned just what they would do.

The cumbersome judicial department was abolished. The general opinion seems to be that the opponents of the machine alleged more than they were able to prove and that while some of the allegations made were true, many of the charges were untrue.

This necessarily reacted upon the insurgents and gave the astute attorney from Chicago, the opportunity for which he had long waited. It must be evident though that some of the abuses exist and must be remedied before the great organization can reach an era of unalloyed peace. The rank and file of the membership seemed to have believed that the evils existing were only seized upon by gentlemen anxious to secure official preferment and financial reward.

It is a pity that so many great organizations are made the prey of designing schemers and politicians and that the interests of the people are never really in serious consideration at any time during the controversy.

We hope to see the B. M. C. take a long step forward at its next meeting. Hon. Edward H. Morris is one of the ablest and most distinguished leaders in the country and is thoroughly fitted for the task of inaugurating reforms which will result in making the colored Odd Fellow organization one of the greatest levers in this world for good along practical financial lines. Here's to the present organization and its officers!

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NEGRO GRAND LODGE BEGINS SESSIONS

Large Attendance and Much Interest In Meeting of Colored Fraternity.

The colored fraternal delegates representing the various U. B. F. lodges throughout the state are here in large numbers to attend the Grand Lodge. They completely filled the U. B. F. hall this morning when the opening session was called to order by P. F. Hill, State Grand Master. A large delegation arrived this morning, and all were assigned to homes by the reception committee.

Following the usual form of opening, the exchange of fraternal greetings occupied a good bit of the morning session. Routine work consisted in the appointment of the following committees by Grand Master Hill: Credentials, Returns of Lodges and Temples, Constitutions and By-Laws, State of the Order, Grand Master's Address and Grand Lodge Officers' Report, Endowment, Grievances and Finance.

The delegates to the Grand Temple of the S. M. T. are not so numerous, but a representative number are present and the opening at Harding Hall this morning was notable for the interest and enthusiasm displayed. Mrs. Sarah Sneed of Memphis, Grand Princess, called the meeting to order, going through the customary form of opening. The other grand officers present were Mrs. Fannie F. Davis, Harriman, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Maria Black, Nashville, Vice-Grand Princess; Mrs. Lemmie L. Erwin, Nashville, Assistand Grand Secretary; Mrs. Rose Shrewberry, Lexington, Grand Treasurer. After exchanging fraternal greetings, the remainder of the morning session was devoted to routine work according to the official programme, which dealt largely with the appointment of regular committees.

At a meeting of the Endowment Board, continued this morning from Monday evening, sufficient information was received from a partial report of the special committee to warrant the statement that the finances of the board are in splendid condition, the figures showing a larger surplus than the previous year. An interesting item of the report is that near $5,000 was allowed yesterday for death claims. This amount will probably be increased during the remaining sessions of the board, which will alternate during the Grand Lodge meeting. The officers of the Endowment Board are: P. F. Hill, President; Mollie B. Thomas, Nashville, Secretary; William Lane, Memphis, Treasurer.

Following a short recess, the two bodies will meet in joint session this afternoon at the U. B. F. Hall, when welcome addresses on the part of the citizens and churches will be delivered by Rev. C. H. Clark, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and Dr. J. P. Crawford, on the part of the societies of the city. Responses will be made by T. Clay Moore of McGavock Lodge, No. 44, on behalf of the local U. B. F. lodges, and Mattie E. Coleman on behalf of the local S. M. T.'s. Following this open meeting, which promises to have a large miscellaneous attendance, recess will be taken until Wednesday morning when routine grand lodge business will probably consume the day.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge this morning sympathy was expressed for the condition of Grand Recording Secretary A. D. English, who is ill at his home on Jefferson Street. His station was temporarily filled by W. H. Brown of Jackson, who will serve during the present meeting.

FINAL SESSION HELD BY BIG NEGRO ORDER

Constitution 8-22-14

The negro pays taxes on $310,000,000 worth of property in the United States, and is making great headway along educational lines, according to the educational report made yesterday at the meeting of the Independent Order of Colored Men and Women of America.

Several negro leaders made short speeches from 11:30 to 1 o'clock. Among them were Presiding Elder H. D. Canady and F. L. Fleming. Revs. E. L. Jackson, B. G. Dawson, C. M. Manning and President W. A. Fountain, of Morris Brown college, made the leading talks.

President Fountain said negro leaders should be well trained, and that the negro should have the ballot. "I am in favor of the negro having the same sort of training given other people."

The different lodges of the city furnished luncheons from 12 to 1:30 each day. Rev. Wilkinson urged the people to read The Constitution, which carried correct daily reports of the talks, speeches and a bit of the history of the order.

The order closed its business sessions Friday at 5:30 o'clock. Memorial exercises of five persons who have died during the year were held at night, the talks and song services being appropriate and effective. Resolutions were adopted asking the different organizations to raise their membership by August, 1915, to 12,500 in the state of Georgia. The next session of the order will meet in Macedonia the second Wednesday in August, 1915.

Odd Fellows' Hall Association Pays Another Dividend.

The Odd Fellows' Hall Association has declared and paid another dividend of five per cent. The Association is clear of debt on its magnificent $75,000 building at 1606 M street northwest, just off the stately avenue of the Presidents, and in the past few years has paid in dividends to stockholders over $12,000. The death of Mr. Thomas H. Wright leaves a vacancy in the office of president. The outlook is that Mr. Joseph Manning, now treasurer, will be elected as Presiden Wright's successor.

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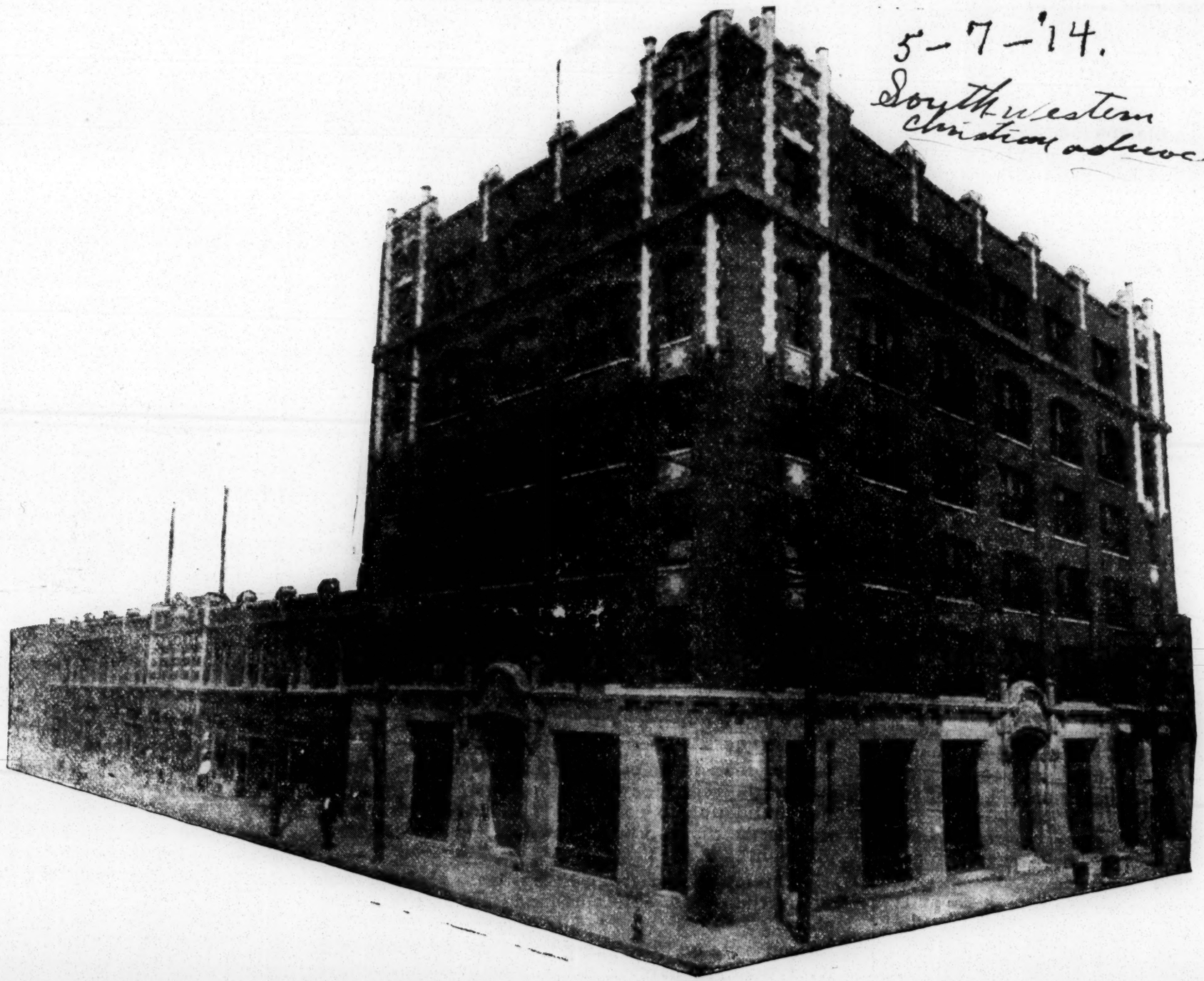

ODD FELLOWS BUILDING AND AUDITORIUM, ATLANTA, GA. COST $253,000.00. DEDICATED OUT OF DEBT. OWNED BY NEGROES.

MORRIS BLOCKS HIS OPPOSERS

Caused Repeal of Law Which Made Him Ineligible for Reelection

ATTACKED DAVIS FACTION

Bitter References Made to Ben Davis, Link Johnson and Will Houston in Grand Master's Annual Address.

PRINTED BALLOTS ISSUED

Morris so Sure of His Control of the Machinery of the B. M. C. in its Boston Meeting, His Ticket Was Printed and Distributed to His Supporters.

The New York
Special to THE NEW YORK ABE.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 23.—After a tiresome all-night session the seventeenth meeting of the Biennial Movable Committee of Odd Fellows came to an end at the People's Temple Saturday morning. The next session will be held in Washington, D. C.

The law limiting the tenure of grand master to two successive terms of two years each was repealed so that Edward H. Morris of Chicago could again be elected. So sure were the Morris forces of their ability to win that they had printed tickets bearing the names of the candidates in the hands of each leader of a Morris delegation long before the balloting began.

The closing session was spent in the consideration of proposed amendments to the laws of the order and the reading of the report of the committee on the grand master's address, as well as those of other committees. The law creating the supreme court of the order was repealed and the $500 annual salary attached to the office of the attorney general was abolished.

Grand Master Attacked Ben Davis.

Next to the sensation caused by the attack Grand Master Morris made on Benjamin J. Davis of Georgia in his biennial address was the report of the committee on grand master's address in which Benjamin Davis, Henry Lincoln Johnson and William L. Houston were scored. Davis and Johnson made heated replies to the addresses.

While the Morris clan outvoted their opponents at every stage, the hold that Ben Davis has upon the Odd Fellows of Georgia was seen all during the week. Out of 317 votes from that State only eleven voted for the re-election of Morris. The Georgians gave unanimous support to Needham, Julius Johnson, A. T. Shirley, W. H. Mixon, J. H. Miller and James H. Johnson, candidates of the Morris regime.

The sixty votes of the New York delegation were given to the machine forces and it succeeded in having W. David Brown, the well-known undertaker of New York City, elected to succeed Julius Johnson of Baltimore as grand treasurer. When the result of the balloting was announced the winners were congratulated by their opponents.

"They had the votes to beat us," said Benjamin J. Davis, "but there will be a different tale to tell when we assemble by reason of the war. Native Africans were present, along with returned missionaries and prominent ministers of the denomination.

John Wanamaker, one of the most prominent Baptist laymen in the United States, entertained the convention during a half day in the Egyptian Hall of his mammoth store. The Wanamaker orchestra furnished music and the young ladies from the National Training School, Washington, D. C., sang. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Wanamaker, Dr. E. C. Morris, Mrs. S. W. Layton, Miss Nannie Burroughs and Dr. E. W. D. Isaac.

Convention Owes Officers Over $6,000.

In response to a demand for an itemized statement of the indebtedness of the convention the secretary reported that the body owed $9,905. Nearly two-thirds of this amount was owing to the president and secretary for salary, $4,440 was owed to President Morris and $2,080 to Secretary Hudson. The convention had only $2,931.45 with which to meet this indebtedness. If the salaries of the president and secretary are added to the present indebtedness the convention, it is estimated, will meet in Chicago next year saddled with the burden of a debt, mostly for officers' salaries, amounting to $8,723.55.

A protest was made against the manner in which the money was paid out. Although a committee, composed mostly of officers, was appointed on disbursements, when the committee reported just before midnight on Monday the money had been paid out already and some of the persons receiving it were gone. The strongest protest was made against the manner of election of officers. Promi-

ANCIENT ORDER MOOSE RANGERS.

Is now being organized in this city. Charter now open. The main feature is a club house with all club privileges for members, also pay a sick, accident and death benefits.

There is no other organization of this kind that have a club house in Washington, and with a population of one hundred thousand colored people, the field is open for just such an organization. Clayton B. Fellows, the National Organizer, has headquarters at The Bee Office, is signing up the first class. Special Charter Fee now $5.00. Dues, 50 cents per month.

The Moose Rangers is founded on three great principles—Purity, Aid and Progress. Purity in thought and action towards your brother members and your fellowmen. Aid in the time of sickness and distress. Progress in this day and age of Progress. The Moose keeps pace with the times, and is not a class organization catering to a wealthy few, but is open to all men of good character, regardless of occupation, color, race or creed. There is nothing in our Ritual to interfere with a man's religious or political beliefs. As you enter a Moose Ranger Lodge, you leave—a free man. The Moose Rangers have a representative form of government. The Supreme conventions are held once a year and every Lodge in the jurisdiction is entitled to delegates.

WHAT THEY ARE.

The Order of Moose Rangers is not an insurance organization. Its members are the clan whose blood circulates. Their cardinal virtues are to aid the sick, bury the dead and inject sunshine into dark places. They are not Saints, simply disbursers of practical Christianity. There are no Moose Rangers in Potter's Field or County Shroud. They live, not merely exist, and lend unto the Lord, for they give unto the poor. Their mission is to do good. They hold high above all other things, as high as hope's great throbbing star, above the darkness of the dead, the love of wife and child and home and friend.

NEGRO MASONS ARE IN FINE CONDITION

Grand Lodge of Alabama Today Closes Exceptionally Well Attended and Successful Annual Meeting

Special to The Advertiser.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Aug. 19.—When the Grand Lodge of Negro Masons of Alabama was called to order at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods of Mobile, every seat in the spacious assembly room of the Huntington Memorial building was occupied. Devotional exercises were conducted by Grand Chaplain Rev. P. W. White of Georgiana.

After the Journal was read and approved the Grand Lodge received a delegation from the State Grand Chapter Eastern Star, which brought the greetings of their lodge in session in Douglass hall. The greetings were read by Anna Brooks and responded to by Dr. E. T. Belsaw of Mobile.

Telegrams of greetings from the Grand Lodge were sent to the Grand Lodge of Maryland A. F. and A. M., now in session, and to the Negro National Business League in session at Muskogee, Okla.

The annual reports of Grand Secretary C. M. McDaniels of Hartselle; J. O. Diffay of Birmingham, Grand Treasurer, and R. B. Hudson, Treasurer of the Endowment Department, and A. A. Peters Endowment Secretary, were read. The reports were received with applause. They showed that J. O. Diffay received during the year from Secretary McDaniels $9.-471.53; expenditures $6,827.93, leaving a balance of $2,643.60 on hand.

The report of R. B. Hudson showed that he had received from Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters $94.441.63 and disbursed $79,187.11, leaving a balance on hand $15,254.52.

The report of the auditing committee, composed of J. T. Gregory, J. B. Ramsey and W. R. Lee, showed that the reports coming from the Grand Lodge and from the Endowment Department were correct; both departments collected during the year $103,913.16; disbursed altogether $86.-015.04, leaving a balance $17,898.12 in the treasury of both departments, August 1.

Secretary Peters stated in his report that, including the new lodges, there are 595 subordinate lodges in the State with a membership of 16.-000.

After these reports were read and received with enthusiastic applause Grand Master Woods read out the bonds of Hudson, Peters and McDaniels respectively $15,000, $5,000 and $2,000.

Woods Elected.

Dr. E. T. Belsaw of Mobile delivered an eloquent address nominating W. T. Woods for re-election as Grand Master. The nomination was seconded by Dr. W. H. Mixon of Selma, Solomon Derry of Montgomery and Rev. James A. Bra yof Birmingham. These eloquent addresses fired the enthusiasm of the Grand Lodge and the motion was amended and carried to elect by acclamation W. T. Woods and all the other Grand officers.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Grand Master; James Archie Byrd, Birmingham, Deputy Grand Master; Jonathan Randolph Curtis, Dothan, Grand Senior Warden; J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, Grand Treasurer; Catson N. McDaniels, Hartselle, Grand Secretary.

Rufus B. Hudson, Selma, Endowment Treasurer.

A. A. Peters, Girard, Secretary Endowment.

In the afternoon fraternal greetings were read from Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Colorado, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Haiti, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana Liberia, Africa, Massachusetts, Missouri, Maryland, Minnesota, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington.

Features of First Day.

More than six hundred negro Masons representing 595 subordinate lodges in Alabama with a membership exceeding sixteen thousand were figuratively speaking, "carried away" with the incidents of the first day's session.

The first train from Birmingham over the Louisville and Nashville railroad and special coaches from Mobile and from Selma, together with regular coaches of the six dailies of the Western railway reaching Chehaw from East and West, added almost hourly to the large number of visitors to the Grand Lodge from all parts of the State.

But the features of the day's proceedings were the evident enthusias of the unprecedented number of delegates assembled at Huntington Memorial building; the cordial welc extended the visitors by Warren L acting for Dr. Booker T. Washington, and the eloquent response Rev. W. J. Turner of Birmingham State Grand Orator. Butthe climax enthusiasm and fervid oratory reached when Grand Master W. Woods of Mobile read his annual dress. The address was carefully prepared and seemed peculiarly fitting. It seemed that the Grand Lodge was anxiously praying and waiting for such a message and such a leader. When the messenger and message came the outburst of pent-up feelings was natural and spontaneous.

Declaring that his first official act when he began his first year's work a year ago was to fall upon his knees and ask divine gudance; that Masonry has long since become a force in the affairs of mankind and is one of the world's most helpful institutions; that an ignorant race cannot make pregress; that intemperance is the main cause of the large death rate among the race; that Masonry stands for temperance, sobriety, and nobility of character; that politics in the subordinate lodges should be discountenanced, and that the services of a master of a lodge should be limited only to his period of usefulness to the lodge.

After referring to the management of the Endowment department, and chartering forty-eight new lodges during the year, and other official acts, the Grand Master made several drastic recommendations, safe guarding the finances of the subordinate and Grand Lodges, among which recommendations were, that those found guilty of misappropriating funds be severely punished; that taxes for the Grand Lodge and for the Endowment Department be increased; that greater care be taken in admitting members of the Endowment Department, and that the divisions of the State for the Grand Lecturers be reduced to three divisions instead of four as heretofore.

Rev. J. A. Bray, of Birmingham, introduced a resolution abolishing the present law limiting the term of the Grand Master to two years. The resolution was unanmiously adopted making the term of the Grand Master indefinite. The resolution was discussed favorably by H. V. Cashin of Decatur, who claims to be the oldest negro Mason in the State, and Rev. L. R. Day of Birmingham.

The Grand Lodge will adjourn Thursday.

ST. LUKES HAVE 38,000 MEMBERS

Special to The New York Age.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 25.—The forty-seventh annual session of the Right Worthy Grand Council of the Independent Order of St. Luke, held last week in the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, brought together 400 delegates and 500 visitors, representing 24 States. Mrs. M. L. Banks of Macon, Ga., the right worthy grand chief, presided.

The annual report of the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Falker, showed that nearly 7,000 adult members had been added to the order during the past year and that the order was in a healthy financial condition. The new members were 6,362 adults and 4,383 juveniles. The order has nearly 30,000 adult members and 8,893 juvenile members. Adult death claims amounting to $54,731.16 were paid for 505 members and $1,474 was paid for 29 juvenile members. Death claims for 22 past chiefs amounting to $450 were also paid. The total receipts from all sources during the year were $104,457.81.

Dr. H. L. Harris, of this city, was elected grand worthy chief.

Memphis, Tenn. News Scimitar

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GRAND LODGE TAKES UP NEGRO INSURANCE CASE

MISSISSIPPI BUREAU, THE NEWS SCIMITAR.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 15.—The affairs of the Masonic Benefit association, the negro fraternal insurance concern which Insurance Commissioner Henry is endeavoring to have declared insolvent, will be threshed out at a meeting of M. W. Steinger grand lodge, F. and A. M., to be held here Sept. 24.

The benefit association is conducted under the auspices of the grand lodge of negro Masons, and it is stated that members of that body will demand to know just why and how unpaid death claims, amounting to over $80,000, have accumulated.

It is stated that an effort will be made to reorganize the association on a new basis, but before this is done a thorough house cleaning will be demanded.

The negroes of Mississippi are strong for fraternal insurance of all forms, and it is estimated that they annually spend more than a million dollars for policies of various kinds. The Masonic Benefit association was regarded as the strongest of these organizations until the state insurance commissioner made an investigation of its affairs.

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Press AUG 8 1914

NEGRO MASONS HEAR DELEGATES' SPEECHES

The fourth day's session of the International Conference, Negro Knights Templar of United States and Canada, was held in the Bethel A. M. E. church, Wylie ave., at 9 a. m., today. The meeting was presided over by M. T. Clay, first vice president, of Lexington, Ky. Addresses were made by James O. Bampfield, of Washington, D. C., subject: "The Life of a True Knight Templar;" Albert T. Lee, of Champaign, Ill., subject: "Relation Between the Knight Templar and the Blue Lodge;" A. P. Smith, of Topeka, Kansas, subject; "The International Conference of Knight Templar, its Past, Present and Future."

The Topeka delegate praised highly the treatment accorded the colored knights during their stay in Pittsburg and commended the local newspapers for the manner in which the news of the conference was published.

The parade of the colored Knights Templar will be held late this afternoon. Organizations will assemble at Wwlie ave. and Francis st. The route of the parade will cover the streets in the hill and downtown districts.

The Holy Royal Arch Masons elected officers last night as follows: President W. G. Butler, New York; first vice president, W. S. Lewis, Pittsburg; second vice president, T. M. Dent, Washington, D. C.; secretary, James C Bampfield, Washington; treasurer, T M. Holland, Chicago; chaplin. Rev. P S. Scott, Pittsburg; chairman of the executive committee, R. B. Ellington Chicago. Addresses were made by T M. Holland and T. M. Dent.

WHITE SHRINERS TRY AGAIN TO STOP NEGROES

Special to The New York Age.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 8.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Superior Court of Fulton County recently refused to enjoin Rabban Temple of the Mystic Shrine from practicing the functions of Mystic Shriners, white Shriners have again instituted proceedings looking toward "silencing" Rabban Temple.

A permanent injunction against performing the rights peculiar to the order is now sought. The matter will be fought by the colored Mystic Shriners of the country, as was the last case.

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A SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER IN RACIAL PROGRESS

5/7/14 Southwestern Christian Advocate

The most significant evidences of the progress of the Negro lie within the current of those movements that are purely racial. That there are failures as well as successes is not to be denied. But the successes greatly outweigh the failures and are potentially significant as to the future. While the Negro cannot shirk the failures which are charged up to him in the trying, he is entitled to and should have full credit for all that he does which shows initiative, self-reliance, self-government, good business sense, commercial venture, and constructive ability, sufficient to make a program and follow it out to a successful conclusion. The Negro is learning to do things in the large. Perhaps they do not bulk large as compared with the civilization which surrounds us but relatively, they are large and they are immense as compared with what the doubters say we can do. We rejoice exceedingly abundantly in any movement that the Negro puts forward in an independent way. We say this without implying one single word of criticism against movements where the Negro is linked with the stronger race. We rejoice in racial movements because they show what the Negro can do in himself and the way he responds to Negro leadership. It is more than passingly significant that some of the largest chapters in our racial development are those in which the enterprises are led by Negroes themselves.

We want to call attention at this time to the above picture and to let our readers draw their own conclusions as to what it signifies. To the Negroes themselves, no doubt, it will be inspiring; to those who doubt our ability, confusing; to those who have aided us gratifying; to those who have been lukewarm and hesitant a reason for renewed helpfulness. The picture given is that of a building located in Atlanta and owned by Negro Odd Fellows of the state of Georgia. The whole enterprise cost $253,000 and there is **not one penny of outstanding indebtedness and there is not a single charge of misappropriation of a single penny,** and all this has been done within a few years. Besides this same order has created a sinking fund of over $200,000 and yet there are saintly white people who think that the Negro cannot handle a budget of a few thousand dollars. They think he is absolutely incapable.

But to the story: The main building to the right is the Odd Fellow Building proper and cost $100,000. It is a handsome structure of red pressed brick with terra cotta stone trimming; stands six stories above the ground, contains six stores, forty-two offices and six lodge rooms, bringing an annual rental of $12,000 and every room is taken by Negro enterprises, professional and business men. Benjamin Griffith Brawley is right when he says, "Merely to walk through this excellent building is to receive a new respect for Negro enterprise." When this undertaking was complete, they added the Auditorium Building. It is the annex to the left in the picture. It occupies 140 feet of frontage on a site which cost $5[illegible]00; stands two stories high; contains eight stores, 18 offices, an auditorium that seats 1,300, and cost $100,000 with a rental income of $7,000 a year. Every store and office was taken before the building was completed.

The main building has an excellent elevator service, and the entire building is steam heated from their own plant installed in the basement of the main building. Both buildings are fire-proof, well ventilated and well lighted, and each room fitted with hot and cold water service.

This business block which is said to be the largest and most representative investment of Negro brain and money in the world, was dedicated on the fourteenth of April with Dr. Booker T. Washington as the orator of the occasion. At which time representatives from the officery of Atlanta, the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations were present to lend sympathy and encouragement to this sort of movement. Among other things, Mr. Washington most significantly said:

"One definite, big achievement of this character is worth more than all the abstract discussion of race problems that we can indulge in from now until the end of time. Think of it! At the end of fifty years of freedom the people who were slaves themselves or whose parents were slaves, have erected here in the heart of the South a building containing fourteen store rooms, sixty office rooms, six lodge rooms and an auditorium with seating capacity of 1,300.

"This building also means that we have faith in ourselves, faith in our ability to do, and that we have confidence in our leaders; that in the future we are going to cultivate a feeling of race pride in a larger measure than we have in the past and that we are going to let the world understand that we are just as proud of being members of the Negro race as any one can be in being identified with other races.

"This building also means that our race and other races have learned that we as a race can work together in an organized capacity. It has been said in the past that the Negro is individually strong but organically weak. This great occasion means that we have learned to do team work and to plan together, to pull together and co-operate until success has been attained to."

It is usually hazardous to single out one man in calling attention to such enterprises as this, but we can do so at this time with a full satisfaction that the members of the Brotherhood of Georgia heartily approve The leader and promoter of this vast undertaking is none other than a man born of slave parents. He received no special consideration in youth, but by perseverance, dependability, thrift and intelligence won his way to the front. We refer to the Hon. Benjamin J. Davis, who is the Grand Secretary of the Odd Fellows in the state of Georgia. He it was who conceived and put through this enterprise. When Mr. Davis came to his present position December 27, 1902, the entire inventory of the District Grand Lodge and Chapter consisted of one day book valued at 75 cents; one canvas back ledger at $1.50; one seal at $3.00; one-half dozen receipt blank books at $2.00; letter-heads and bill-heads at $2.00; a total outlay of $9.25; with not more than ten thousand members in the order in the state, good, bad and indifferent, active and inactive, financial and unfinancial; and the highest amount that had been paid in any previous year was $701.53. What is the showing today? The membership has been increased to 60,000, and endowment department created with policies ranging from $300 to $500. The magnificent building referred to above, planned, completed and occupied at a cost of $253,000, a sinking fund authorized of $300,000, of which $205,000 is already raised. The receipts increased from $700.00 to $500,000.00 in the year 1914. Beginning with no office help at all, this office furnishes employment for Negro men and women, instead of none at the beginning, at the present time twenty-six and at times as high as forty, at salaries ranging from $900 to $1,000 a year, with larger salaries for head officials. We regret that we cannot give at this time a picture of this man who has been able to accomplish so much and who deserves great credit for what has been done. A chief supporter of Mr. Davis is Dr. W. F. Penn. Dr. Penn served as chairman of the Building Committee and as chairman of the Sinking Fund. Dr. Penn is a brother of our own Dr. I. G. Penn.

nent members of the convention are credited with saying that the method of election is disgraceful and has destroyed every vestige of Baptist liberty, with the consequent result of almost disrupting the convention.

Hold Meeting to Protest.

This feeling of protest and objection to the methods of Dr. Morris and his supporters led to a mass meeting held in the Zion Baptist Church, the Rev. E. W. Moore, pastor, in which seventeen States were represented, to consider ways and means of organizing a systematic campaign against the present administration of the convention. A committee was appointed to meet in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday, November 18, to issue for publication a letter of complaint to the denomination. Some of the ministers are counseling a new convention, but the more influential and conservative men are working for reform in the old convention. It is declared, however, even by the most conservative of the body, that unless election rules are passed that will insure fair play the convention will finally disrupt and split.

The following are the officers elected for ths ensuing year: The Rev. E. C. Morris of Arkansas, president; the Rev. W. G. Parks of Pennsylvania, vice-president; the Rev. A. J. Stokes of Alabama, treasurer; the Rev. L. G. Jordan of Pennsylvania, secretary of the foreign mission board; the Rev. R. H. Boyd of Tennessee, secretary of the national board of publication; the Rev. E. W. D. Isaacs of Tennessee, secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union; the Rev. S. E. Griggs of Tennessee, secretary educational board; R. B. Hudson of Alabama, general secretary; the Rev. T. O. Fuller of Tennessee, the Rev. E. H. McDonald of Minnesota, the Rev. E. A. Wilson of Oklahoma and the Rev. S. N. Gross, assistant secretaries.

at Washington two years hence. Georgia will have a thousand delegates there and he prepared for a battle to those who are now in power.

J. C. Asbury, defeated candidate for grand master four years ago, who later left the order, was back as a delegate and supporter of the victorious faction.

The parade of the uniform department of the order Thursday afternoon was an imposing affair and was witnessed by thousands. A competitive drill followed at the National League baseball grounds. The ball and reception at the State Armory at night was a brilliant affair. Hammond street, from Shawmut avenue to Tremont street, and Tremont street to Camden, were specially illuminated during the week.

The following officers were elected: Edward H. Morris, grand master; Julius C. Johnson, Baltimore, deputy grand master; W. David Brown, New York City, grand treasurer; James F. Needham, Philadelphia, grand secretary. Grand directors—Dr. I. L. Roberts, Boston, Mass.; A. T. Shirley, Virginia; E. P. Jones, Vicksburg, Miss.; James H. Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.; George H. Mays, Jacksonville, Fla. Grand auditors—Thomas J. Breen, Columbia, S. C.; W. H. Mixon, Selma, Ala., and J. H. Miller, New Jersey.

The Grand Secretary's Report.

The biennial report of Grand Secretary Needham showed that 324 new lodges had been organized during the past two years, 429 Households of Ruth, 35 Past Grand Masters' Councils, 16 Patriarchies and 150 juvenile branches. The whole number of financial branches was given as 10,410, while 3,612 were given as either unfinancial, dormant, suspended or in operative. The total membership of various branches of the order was, according to the report, 542,195, an increase of 49,290 during the past two years.

The total receipts of the Sub-committee of Management during the past two years were $65,324.23, with which a balance of $8,619.26 from the previous two years made total financial resources of $73,943.49 during the term. Of this sum $67,964.44 was expended, leaving a cash balance on hand of $5,979.05.

Household of Ruth Meets.

The sessions of the Grand Household of Ruth, the women's auxiliary, were held at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mary A. Parker, Washington, past grand superior; Mrs. Jessie L. Page, Florida, grand treasurer; Mrs. B. E. DeToscano, New York City, grand recorder; Mrs. Mary E. Washington, Indiana, grand prelate; Mrs. Carrie Brown, Massachusetts, grand usher; Miss Minnie L. Bradley, Connecticut, grand chamberlain; Miss Bessie Malone, Mississippi, grand shepherd; Mrs. L. P. Fortune, Georgia, chairman of the committee on government.

MORRIS WINS OVER RIVALS

Odd Fellows Grand Master Succeeds Himself Despite Much Talked of Opposition

BOSTON B. M. C. CLOSES

Three Link Fraternity's Annual Meeting in Hub City Reveals Great Triumph for Administration Forces From Beginning to End.

Boston, Sept. 23.—The 67th annual B. M. C. convention closed in Boston during the wee hours of the morning Friday last. While not attended with the same scenes as that of either Baltimore or Atlanta, the B. M. C. had ear-marks of the same.

The Morris machine triumphed from A to Z. On the whole, however, the convention was a success in spite of the little friction among the local committeemen. It was subdued by diplomacy and the desire for a full triumph, and triumph it was for white and colored citizens alike united in the best possible way to make delegates and visitors welcomed to the Hub City.

There were decorations galore and illuminations accordingly. The parade was a thing of splendor, reviewed by the city and State officials with hundreds of men in line in spotless uniforms, glittering swords and gay decorations, headed by famous bands, marching in all of their splendor through the principle streets of Boston, viewed by thousands of onlookers. It was spectacular indeed.

Following the parade Thursday afternoon came the ball at Armory Hall when all society turned out in full force. Gay costumes of original designs adorned Boston's beauties, while dress suits predominated the taste of the male elements. The Armory was crowded to its utmost capacity, with an abundance of splendor, and in scenes rarely ever witnessed even in historic Boston. It was a grand assemblage of the colored American elite. A body of representative men and women the country over.

The closing of the business side of the session marks a new era in the life of Odd Fellows, and much progress is shown. There has been organized 324 lodges, 400 Households of Ruth, 35 Past Grand Master's Councils, 16 Patriarchies, 150 Juveniles, and throughout the jurisdiction there were four thousand Households, 3,848 Past Grand Master's Councils, 283 Patriarchies, 101 District Grand Lodges, 41 District Grand Households, 30 Juvenile Societies, and a total membership of lodges 304,557. Households, 197,654; total Grand Master's Councils, 7,562; Patriarchies, 4,207; Juveniles, 48,215. There is an increase of 49,290 over the previous year.

Total receipts, $73,943.49; disbursements, $64,943.44. Grand Secretary Needham reported that he had received 40,220 letters. Grand Treasurer L. M. Porter of Arkansas stated that he had handled $11,767.61, and had, by order, disbursed $10,512.81, and had a balance of $1,254.09.

Georgia had the largest delegation, 517, headed by Fighting Ben Davis and Henry Lincoln Johnson. The Supreme Court is a thing of the past, and most of the propositions dead issues.

The Pittsburghers were winners of the cup in the prize drill; Baltimore second.

It redounds to the credit of the Boston Guardian and the Cambridge Advocate and the Boston Reliance to appear daily giving full details of the convention. While discord for a time prevailed in the Local Committee credit is due them for their efforts.

Friday night's session, the finale, began about 6 p. m. and lasted until about 6 a. m. Many heated debates ensued, and finally came the election of officers, when E. H. Morris of Illinois was elected Grand Master; Julius C. Johnson of Maryland, Deputy Grand Master; W. David Brown, Grand Treasurer; James F. Needham, Grand Secretary; Grand Directors: A. T. Shirley, Va.; I. L. Roberts, Mass.; E. P. Jones, Miss.; J. H. Johnson, N. C.; George H. Mays, Fla.; Grand Auditors: P. J. Green, S. C.; W. H. Nixon, Ala.; J. H. Miller, N. J.

Washington, D. C., was voted to be the next place of meeting of the B. M. C. Benjamin L. Davis and Henry Lincoln Johnson took occasion to score Grand Master Morris in firm and stern language. There were many cries for free speech. Those not enlisted on the side of the machine had to submit to the inevitable.

The B. M. C., however, will ever be remembered in Boston, for not one complaint, error, nor was any intoxication in evidence, hence the session on the whole takes its place in the history of the order.

R. J. Taylor was re-elected head of the Grand Master's Council after a successful and harmonious session. Many propositions were adopted. The session was held in Odd Fellow's Hall under the best of conditions.

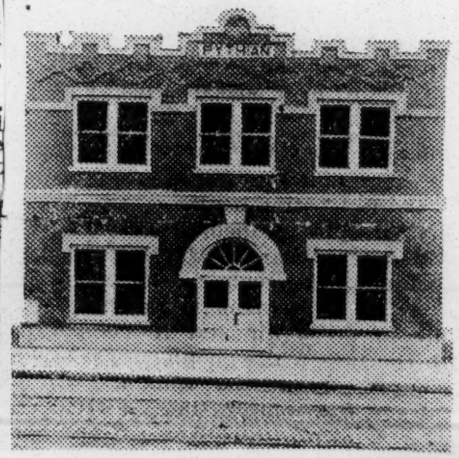
The graves of Wendell Philips, Charles Sumner and Cripus Attucks were decorated by prominent Odd Fellows. The success of the convention is attributed to Boston Lodge, Bay State and Sister Lodges and Households.

WORK OF SUPREME LODGE.

Arkansas Knights of Pythias Found Much Needed Institution.

Hot Springs, Ark.—The supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias, under the jurisdiction of North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, is showing a direct interest in the race by providing a health resort for the entire race in the new Pythian sanitarium in this town, which will be thrown open to the public Dec. 23.

The Knights of Pythias is the only benevolent organization among us which has thus far made this kind of provision for the benefit of the race. The new building takes the place of the first one, which was destroyed by fire. When the work was begun a



PYTHIAN SANITARIUM.

commission was appointed to conduct it, with Dr. C. M. Wade as surgeon in chief, and J. T. T. Warren was appointed manager. The plans for the building were drawn by Mr. Bailey, an architect, of our race, whose ability in this line is well known.

At the dedicatory exercises, held recently at the Victor chapel, A. M. E church, W. W. Harris acted as master of ceremonies. Mayor J. W. McClendon delivered an address, in which he commended the members of the order for their excellent work and the interest they thus manifested in their own people. His address was full of good advice along practical lines. He said that he had watched the progress of the race very closely. "You are proving to the world that you are men, and strong men at that. We are proud of you. We hail with delight your contribution to the making of Hot Springs."

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green followed with an address equally as strong. He not only spoke for the Pythians, but for the entire race. Other addresses were delivered by Dr. C. M. Wade of this town, Henry Avant of Helena, Ark., Grand Chancellor of the State J. H. Reed and others. The cornerstone was laid by the uniform rank Knights of Pythias, with Supreme Chancellor Green in charge. Music was rendered by the Pythian band. About 2,000 people witnessed the ceremonies. The new building is much more spacious and more beautiful than the old one, having a bathhouse with all the latest appurtenances and a sanitarium whose keynote is sanitation as well as comfort.

"We are not objects of charity in this country," said Supreme Chancellor Green. "We are willing to take our chances with other peoples of this country. We are proud of the work we have done, and we are going to do more. Our supreme lodge will meet next summer in Columbus, O., and it will be one of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the order. Not only will the supreme lodge be there in full, but the uniform rank, under Major R. R. Jackson, and the Supreme Court of Calanthe, with Sir Joseph L. Jones at the head."

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Fort Worth, Texas

ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Pittsburg, Pa., August 22.—The conclave of the various departments of the Masonic order, came to a close here Friday, Aug. 7, after a most eventful session.

The order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will meet in New York City next August and the International Conference of Knights Templar will meet in Chicago in 1916.

The Mystic Shrine elected the following officers: J. H. Murphy, Baltimore, imperial potentate, George W. McKoin, St. Louis, deputy imperial potentate; J. M. Morris, Indianapolis, imperial chief rabban; C. E. Dunlop, Portsmouth, Va., imperial assistant rabban; J. Frank Blagburn, Washington, imperial treasurer; Levi Williams, Jersey City, imperial recorder; Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial oriental guide.

Dallas, Texas

Daughters of Isis Elect the Following Officers.

Mrs. Cassie Melker, St. Paul, Minn., Grand Commandress.
Mrs. Besscilla W. Smith, Baltimore, Md., 1st Lieutenant Grand Commandress.
Mrs. Annie B. Grove, St. Louis, Mo., 2nd Lieutenant Grand Commandress.
Mrs. Laura Williams, Chicago, Ill., Grand Recordress.
Mrs. A. E. W. Goldston, Pittsburg, Pa., Grand Treasuress.

Selma Meeting Enthusiastic

To Be Held Next Week When Hearts of Knights Will Be Made Glad by Commendable Showing.

Odd Fellows in Session.

Selma, Ala., August 5.—(Special.)—The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows opened here today with 250 lodges represented. Our opening session was held at Brown Chapel A. M. E. church. The passage of laws looking to the successful operation of the Endowment Department is the great problem to be worked out at this session. The Grand Master, John G. Wright, of Tuscaloosa, made a ruling today that all lodges financial with the sub-committee of management were qualified to vote in this Grand Lodge which considerably clarified the atmosphere.

Pythians to Meet.

The Pythian Grand Lodge will meet in Selma in what appears to be the most successful grand session in its history. The boards of endowment and the board of directors held their meetings in this last week, preparing the second semi-annual audit of accounts and the annual reports to be submitted to the Grand Lodge. The report from the Endowment Department, of which Prof. M. J. Moore of Montgomery is secretary, and Dr. U. G. Mason of this city, is treasurer, is especially gratifying and significant and shows that there is now in the treasury of the department more than $20,000 with all claims paid.

This is regarded by the officials as the most commendable and representative showing, and places the Pythian order far in advance of most fraternal organizations in the State. The increase in membership and lodges has been notable, and largely due to the efforts of the Grand Chancellor, R. A. Blount, of this city, considerable sentiment has been aroused in favor of the erection of a Pythian Temple in this State. The Birmingham delegation, it is understood, will leave this city Monday by special train for Selma, the seat of the convention, carrying with it other delegates who shall have mobilized here.

This time, as usual, it appears that the principal officers of the Grand Lodge will be re-elected, although the present Grand Chancellor has some opposition in Dr. J. W. Coleman, of this city. Meeting with the Pythians at the same time will be the Grand Court of Calanthe, over which Mrs. C. A. Tuggle, of this city, presides.

CALANTHIANS HOLD FINE SESSIONS

ORDER HAS NEARLY 12,000 MEMBERS IN GEORGIA

Financial Report Shows Balance of $34,821.38—Three Hundred Sixteen Courts and Ninety Juvenile Courts in State—Order Several Thousand Above Any Other Jurisdiction—Mrs. R. L. Barnes Presided Over All Meetings.

The twenty-first session of the Grand Court of Calanthe, Jurisdiction of Georgia, convened in Valdosta on Tuesday of last week and adjourned the following Thursday.

The past sessions of the Grand Court were the best in the history of the body and were attended by about six hundred delegates from every part of the state.

The public sessions of the court were held in conjunction with those of the Knights of Pythias at St. Paul A. M. E. Church and were attended by large gatherings.

The reports of the various officers of the Grand Court showed the order to be in excellent condition both financially and numerically. It was shown that the amount collected for the year was $28,759.15, with expenditures amounting to $24,025.77. The total amount on hand after all indebtedness was paid was $34,821.38. The numerical strength of the body was reported as 11,458 from 316 courts an increase of 1,100 members over the previous year.

The numerical and financial standing of the order in this state is far in excess of that of any other jurisdiction, Texas the next largest jurisdiction being surpassed by several thousand members.

The reports on the juvenile courts also were very gratifying and showed this department of the order to have 3,100 members, an increase of 300 over last year. The total membership of the jurisdiction is 14,558, there being 316 courts and 90 juvenile courts. Savannah with eighteen courts totaling approximately 500 members leads the cities of the state in membership, White Rose being the largest of the local courts.

The old roster of Grand Court officers, with but few exceptions, was reelected, the only changes being Mrs. Mattie Heard, of Athens, displacing Mrs. Mattie Savage, of Hawkinsville, as junior directress; Mrs. Anna Randall of Thomasville displacing Mrs. J. V. Ellis, of Albany, and Mrs. Mary Nelson Jones of Augusta, winning out over Mrs. S. D. Larkin, of Valdosta, as orator. Mrs. M. J. Johnson of Milledgeville, and Mrs. C. E. Jordan of Richland, were elected herald and protector, respectively in place of Mrs. M. N. Jones of Augusta, and Mrs. P. S. McRae, of Columbus.

The Grand Court confered degrees upon 259 candidates, this being the largest number ever to secure degrees at one time.

Much interest was manifested in the drill corps contest at the ball park Tuesday afternoon, the C. A. Catledge company of Atlanta winning first prize and Feay company of this city taking second honors. In the parade a total of seven drill corps companies took part.

Mrs. R. L. Barnes of this city Grand Worthy Councellor, presided at all of the meetings. Mrs. Barnes' report was received with much enthusiasm. Mrs. Barnes is now serving her twelfth year as head of the courts of the state and it is due to her untiring effort that the body has for several years out stripped any jurisdiction in the country.

Among the prominent visitors at the Grand Court were Supreme Grand Patriarch Green of New Orleans, La., Mrs. L. B. Reid and Mrs Freeland, Grand Worthy Councellor and Grand Deputy respectively, of the state of Florida.

The Grand Court adjourned Thursday evening to meet in this city the second Monday in July 1915.

The following are the officers elected

G. W. C., Mrs. R. L. Barnes, Savannah, Ga.; G. W. Inx., Mrs. Viola Hart, Americus, Ga.; G. W. I., Mrs. Sallie McCarthy, Macon Ga.; G. W. S. D., Mrs. Henrietta Payne, Atlanta, Ga.; G. W. J. D. Mrs. J. V. Sherman, Savannah, Ga.; G. R. of Deeds, Mrs. M. S. Grant, Darien, Ga.; G. R. of Dept. and Treas. of End., Mrs. Willie Hill, Macon, Ga.; G. W. O., Mrs. Mary Nelson Jones Augusta, Ga.; G. Escort, Mrs G. A. Washburn, Atlanta, Ga.; G. Conductress, Mrs. Mattie I Heard Athens, Ga.;

G. Ass. Con., Mrs. Annie Randall. Thomasville, Ga.; G. Herald Mrs. M. J. Johnson, Milledgeville, Ga.; G. Protector, Mrs. C. E. Jordon, Richland, Ga.; G. M. D., Dr. G. N. Stoney, Augusta, Ga.; G. Lecturer. Mrs. M. E. Harper, Savannah, Ga.; Supreme Representative, Mrs. Hattie Harris, Atlanta, Ga.; Supreme Representative, Mrs. Julia Deal, Atlanta, Ga. Endowment board—Mrs. R. L. Barnes, Mrs. Viola Hart, Mrs. M. S. Grant, Sir. H. B. Sweet. Mrs. Willie Hill.

Trustees—Sir. F. M. Cohen, Dr. G. N. Stoney, Dr. H. R. Butler.

Auditors—Dr. Wm. D. Johnson Mrs. Mary L. Ayers.

SAINT JOSEPH AID SOCIETY MEETS

REV. B. S. HANNAH UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED TO HEAD ORGANIZATION

Two Hundred Seventy-five Delegates Present—Division Has Made 2500 Members—Much Progress Reported Since Last Meeting—Next Session Goes To Fitzgerald.

The Eastern Georgia grand lodge of the St. Joseph Aid Society convened at Seabrook's hall at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning of this week in it fourteenth annual session and adjourned yesterday afternoon after a most beneficial and profitable meeting.

The past grand lodge was the most largely attended meeting yet held by this division of the society, there being something over two hundred and twenty-five delegates present.

The sessions of the grand lodge, both morning and afternoon, were well attended and a spirit of harmony and good will permeated every meeting. Rev. B. S. Hannah, grand chief, presided at all the meetings and his opening remarks on Wednesday were highly applauded by the members.

This division of the society, which, by the way, was organized in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1897 and which has subordinate lodges in eleven states and a branch in West Africa, is composed of fifty lodges with a total membership of 2500.

The treasurer's report showed the society to be in splendid financial condition, with a large increase over the amount on hand at the previous session held in Jesup, Ga. Numerically the society has also increased and the prospects are, with the interest and enthusiasm at an unusually high point, that this coming year will break all records in point of increased membership.

On Wednesday night the society met at the Charles street, St. Philip Church in a public meeting and an interesting program was carried out.

At the annual election of officers on Thursday afternoon the Rev. B. S. Hannah was unanimously re-elected grand chief. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

Rev. B. S. Hannah, G. C.; A. W. Mansley, V. C.; Rev P. F. Seabrooks, G. F. S.; E. W. Pope, G. R. S.; Rev. L. A. Clark, G. W. Prof.; Rev. R. L. Heard, G. W. Chap.; H. Bryant, G. Treas.; C. McCall, G. Marshal; W. C. Robinson, G. Watchman; Dr. E. M. Pinckney, G. M. R.; Mrs. M. E. Pierce, G. H. to W. P.; J. C. Elliott, G. H. to W. P.

ELKS' CONVENTION AT NORFOLK

Officers Elected.

With rivalry and enthusiasm running extremely high before one of the largest attended conventions in the history of the noble order, the members and delegaes to the Grand Lodge of the Elks, held at Norfolk, Va., during the past week, re-elected Hon. T. Gillis Nutter, Grand Exalted Ruler over his determined rival, Attorney Armond W. Scott, of Washington, D. C.

On Monday evening past, Attorney Isaac H. Nutter, of this city, who was detained here on account of the serious illness of his wife, received a telegram from his brother, Hon. T. Gillis Nutter, requesting him to come immediately to Norfolk and take charge of the campaign. Mr. Nutter immediately wired the chairmen of each state delegation to meet him at headquarters on he following morsing, and three hours after his arrival in Norfolk, his forces were thoroughly organized and his master hand, together with that of his colleagues, could easily be seen dominating the convention. At the close of Tuesday's session, the local attorney informed his brother that he was ready for the election and that the latter could count on a two-thirds vote of the convention for his re-election. From thence on the fight grew bitter as time passed on. However on Thursday evening when the final vote was taken, our astute lawyer had come within two votes of polling the number predicted. Mr. Isaac B. Nutter was ably assisted in the management of his brother's campaign by Messrs. C. Clay Lewis, Travers, Dancy and Hubbard, of New Jersey; Past Grand Exalted Rulers Wheaton, of New York; Place, of Georgia; and Atkins of Virginia; Grand Secretary Bates, of New Jersey; Lawyer Staunton, of Pitsburgh; Attorney Harrison, of Virginia; Attorney Hobart, of Minnesota; Messrs. Noble and Hoyt, of Boston; Rev. Gullins, Chesthire and Churchman, of New Jersey; Shands and Rev. Weatherly, of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Jones, of Richmond, Va. Mr. Scott's forces were under the determined management of Attorney Collins, Washington; Attorney Randolph, of Virginia; Attorney Norris, of Ohio; Jones and Harris, of Pennsylvania; and Attorney McMeehen, of Maryland, who furnished a noble and determined fight to elect their candidate.

Attorney J. Frank Wheaton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, placed the Hon. T. Gillis Nutter in nomination for re-election and was followed by Attorney McMechen, of Baltimore, who nominated Attorney Armond W. Scott, of Washington, D. C., for the same office. However, from the beginning of his address it could be seen that the able New York attorney was at his best, and as his masterful oratory swayed the large convention, the delegates sat back in their seats, realizing that here was a combat of powerful minds pitting wits in the nomination of their perspective candidates. Mr. Nutter's nomination was secondeded by such able orators and leaders as Messrs. Staunton, Harrison, Hobart, Pace, Gullins, Chesthire and Churchman, while Mr. Scott's was seconded by Messrs. Randolph, Collins, Brown and two other

STILL AFTER THE COLORED SHRINERS

White Masons Seem to Be Preparing For General Attack Upon Negro Masonry in Georgia

Atlanta Ga., Dec. 18—A general attack upon the validity of Masonic bodies, composed of colored members is being planned by the white Mystic Shriners of this city.

The white Shriners vainly sought an injunction some weeks ago restraining Rabban Temple from doing things peculiar to that branch of the order. Judge Bell, sitting in the Superior Court of Fulton County, decided adversely for the petitioners.

The case was reopened a few days ago on the ground that Judge Bell had relatives connected with the Mystic Shriners, and therefore was not qualified to sit in the case. This view of the matter disqualifies every judge in Fulton, county.

The new litigation attacks the validity of the colored lodge of Georgia on the ground that if the Shriners are illegal and the latter is the creature of the colored Grand Lodge, that the creator is also existing unlawfully.

The new case was scheduled to be heard yesterday, but was postponed until the middle of January. Warner T. McGuinn, of Baltimore, and George Gordon, of this city have been engaged as attorneys for the defendants. Despite the fact that courts have decided that colored Masonic lodges were lawfully instituted, the outcome of the case here is arousing widespread interest.

Strictly speaking, however, there is no such thing as a "white" or a "colored" Mason.

GOOD SAMARITANS HOLD SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

R. W. S. G. P. Daughter Mrs. Ella V. Cash Presides in the Absence of Chief F. A. Rawlins, Who Is Ill.

The Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria are now holding their sixteenth annual Grand session at Hueleatt's Hall, 2712 South State street. The Grand Lodge opened Tuesday, June 9, at 10 a. m. The R. W. S. G. Chief, F. A. Rawlins being confined by illness the R. W. S. G. P. Daughter Mrs. Ella V. Cash is efficiently conducting the session. All of the various lodges of the Illinois jurisdiction are represented by delegates while dinner is being served daily by the lodges of Chicago. The hall was dedicated Tuesday at 2 p. m. A reception for the visiting delegates Wednesday evening was largely attended; the memorial services at St. Paul's Church was an occasion long to be remembered by the order.

There was a public installation and banquet to the newly elected officers Friday night. Among those present may be mentioned: N. C. Walls, R. W. S. G. Past Chief; James Carrington, R. W. S. G. V. C.; Phoebia Holmes, R. W S. G. D. F.; Maggie Thompson-Pryor, R. W. S. G. Sec.; Adaline Gary, R. W. S. G. Asst. Sec.; Maffet Huelett, R. W. S. G. Treas; Charlotte Kennedy, R. W. S. G. Asst-Treas.; Anna G. Knott, R. W. S. G. Organizer; Elizabeth Arms, R. W. S. G. Lecturer; Nettie M. Anderson, R. W. S. G. I. S.; Ellen Pulpress, Mamie L. Draper, Sallie Solomon, Susie Reed, Virginia Coleman, Minnie Clark, Amanda Grimes, Edna Frazier, Laura E. Dillard, Dr. C. D. Trice, Lucy Shepnerd, Rev. P. R. Thomas, Elizabeth McNary, Bro. Murphy, Atty. Richard E. Westbrooks, and many others.

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PLANS OF COLORED MASONS.

General Congress Opens Today and Will Continue Through Tuesday.

The program of the general Masonic congress, colored, of the United States and Canada, which convened in this city today, with W. T. M. Grant of New Orleans presiding, includes the following sessions: For symbolic Masonry, today; for the general grand chapter, R. A. M. and K. T., tomorrow; for the Mystic Shrine and Red Cross of Constantine, Saturday; devotional service, Sunday; the Supreme Chapter, O. E. S., followed by banquet to the delegates, Monday, and the first to the thirty-third degree, A. A. S. R. (colored), followed by parade, picnic and barbecue, Tuesday.

Grand Master H. C. Scott, president of the colored branch of the Masonic federation, has appointed as a committee of arrangements the masters and secretaries of the subordinate local colored lodges, with Mingo Sanders, vice chairman; C. E. W. Brown, assistant; D. F. Seville, P. G. M., secretary; George Washington, assistant; John S. Brent, treasurer: Dr. B. R. Sydnor, Daniel Williams, N. F. Henry, Grand Secretary Mrs. R. E. Brent, and Daughters of the Sphinx for the District of Columbia, with Mrs. Alta Oram, Mrs. Clara U. Ray and Mrs. Unice Williams, adoptive rite.

Secret Societies – 1914

URGES CORRECT USE OF NEGRO SOCIETY

J. A. Welton Makes Address at Grand Lodge Meeting at Union Springs.

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Special to The Advertiser.

UNION SPRINGS, ALA, Sept. —"The world needs men who can see right, who can think right, who can lead right, men with trained minds industrious hands, pure hearts and clean lives, to lead the people in every calling." Thus spoke J. A. Welton of Birmingham, one of the leading workers of the Union Mutual Aid Association in addressing a gathering of several hundred negroes here who formed the grand lodge of Brothers of America and Sisters of True Love, a negro fraternal organization. The opportunity of the negro secret society was to be found, according to the speaker, in the preparation of men and women for useful service, one to another, to instill in the race a deep sense of obligations, and to implant sterling integrity and uprightness in their every day contact one with another.

Negro Opportunity.

"It is your opportunity to make the organization felt among the people for good. The object of an organization like this should be to see how many homes can be benefited by a wise use of the money collected. Peace and progress are the elements that must enter into the development of any people. The negro needs peace as much as he needs money, and the wise use of money in such an organiation like this will do more to promote peace than anything one can think of.

"The usefulness of the average negro secret order has been swallowed up in confusion. The inordinate ambition for power, for office, the dishonest use of the people's money has disrupted many an order that had great possibilities for good, and has destroyed the usefulness of many a man and woman."

The speaker referred to the life of such leaders in the State as Booker T. Washington, C. First Johnson and others, who have developed great institutions through perseverance and loyalty, and counseled the imitation of their efforts by the leaders of this organization.

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NEGRO MASONS HOLD CLOSING SESSIONS

For the purpose of selecting a convention city for 1915 the delegates to the International Conference of Afro-American Masons of the United States and Canada, held their final meetings today, the Knights Templar in the Bethel A. M. E. church, Wylie ave., and the Shriners at the Labor temple. Heretofore the Templars have always selected their convention city without consideration of the Shriners.

Yesterday the Shriners asked the Templars to appoint a committee to act jointly with a committee of Shriners to decide on a convention city agreeable to both branches of the Afro-Masonic bodies.

While the Templars did not appoint a committee, it was understood at the meeting this morning that a committee will be named to act jointly with the Shriners in reference to a convention city. The Templars favor either New York or Chicago, and it is likely that one of those cities will be agreed on by the Shriners and the Templars. Many of the delegates have already left the city and many are leaving today. This afternoon will be spent in sight seeing by many of the delegates.

Chicago was decided upon as the place for holding the next biennial meeting and the date to be fixed later by a committee.

"A competitive drill by commandries last night concluded the fourth day's session of the conference. The drill was held at Exposition Park and featured the convention. The winners were announced at the Motor Square Garden shortly before midnight. Maj. Howard Gilbert, Columbus, O., grand commander of the Ohio Knights Templar, and Maj. Gen. R. R. Jackson, grand commander of the Knights Pythias, Chicago, Ill., and Maj. John H Rust, Pittsburg were the judges.

The prizes were awarded following the grand ball held earlier in the evening in Motor Square Garden. The first prize of $250 was awarded to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 5, New York city, led by Capt. Thomas Wright. Malta Commandery, No. 19, Pittsburg, led by Capt. C. D. Shelton, captured the second prize of $150, and the Palestine Commandery, No. 14, Pittsburg, under Capt William Lauler, won a third prize of $100.

A parade through the downtown streets headed by 16 mounted policemen and 30 colored patrolmen under the command of Capt. Benjamin Marshall of the traffic squad was one of the features of the day.

The United Order of Good Shepherds will hold their annual session at the State Normal School, this city, July 15-17, 1914. The attendance will be large and the reports from the officers will be satisfactory and encouraging. Mr. G. W. Chandler of this city is Supreme President and Mrs. S. L. Duncan, this city, is Supreme Secretary. Their leadership has been efficient and has always met the approval of the members. The Grand Lodges are always characterized by peace and everything is carried out strictly according to business. We are pleased to have these workers meet here in our city, and are sure Montgomery will welcome them and make their stay pleasant.

NEW FRATERNITY FOR RACE UPLIFT

The Journal And Guide 9/12/14

United Order of Abraham Will Combine Practical Uplift Work With Fraternal Features

WILL AID RURAL SCHOOLS

Advocates Also Establishment Of Reform Schools For Delinquent Negro Youths

(Special to Journal and Guide.)

Rockingham, N. C. Nov. 16.—That our people in the rural districts and towns in this state are becoming more substantially interested in their economic, civic, educational and fraternal welfare, especially in a co-operative manner is most excellently evidenced by the success of the Grand United Order of Abraham, founded by Rev. N. S. Gillespie, of this town. In this movement will be found men and women of material worth, who are inbued with the kind of spirit that will put this successful organization beyond its present confines of activity and make it a national one.

Rev. Gillespie who is its head is a young man brim full of optimism and having comprehensive grasp on the essentials necessary and a benefit to humanity says that the order is making a healthy progress and will soon enter other states.

The third annual state convention will convene here December 16th to 18th. The program for the convention is pregnant with interesting features which reveal the fact that the organization is not only for accident, sickness and death benefits, but for the bettering of the public school system for Afro-Americans, for better environments for Negro youths and advocating reform schools for our young incorrigibles.

Most of its officers being successful business men and owners of large farms they are considering certain plans of making the organization to meet some of the peculiar needs of the Negro farmer which the white farmer's union are meeting along Co-operative lines. These Afro-American leaders in their respective localities fully realize that the white Union does'nt want them and that the Afro-American farmer's interest are not considered, hence the forth-coming session of this young and progressive fraternity, with head-quarters here will be an important one.

MOSIAC TEMPLARS MEET IN TUSKEGEE

Booker Washington's Institute Plays Host to Three Thousand Viitors and Delegates of the Order

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Special to The Advertiser.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., July 21.—With three thousand delegates and visitors on the grounds for the triennial convention of the National Order of Mosiac Templars of America, Tuskegee Institute finds itself host to the largest gathering of the rank and file of negroes in its history. When the convention was called to order at noon today by Grand Master S. J. Elliott, the travelers were still coming in.

Special trains have been coming in since Sunday, and today three trains of twenty-five coaches, one from East Texas, were brought in from Chehaw. With the delegates were several companies of the Uniform Rank of the organization, carrying each its own band. The States represented are Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Florida and Mississippi. Headed by Major J. B. Ramsey and Ernest T. Atwell, the committee appointed by the school is handling the crowd in good shape. Last night a banquet was given the officers of the organization.

Booker T. Washington in his welcome address tonight made the point that the Mosaic Templars, embracing a membership of 100,000, and showing a surplus of more than $80,000, owning valuable property in the several States, is a distinctive negro organization, having been founded by John E. Bush and C. W. Keatts in Little Rock thirty years ago. Keatts died several years ago, but Colonel Bush, who until recently was receiver of the United States Land Office at Little Rock, is National Grand Secretary and the moving spirit in the organization. For many years he has been one of the strongest supporters of Booker Washington, and stands high with the white people of Arkansas. Surrounding Bush are some of the ablest negroes in the South.

At the first session, which was held in the auditorium of White Hall, the committee on credentials was appointed as follows: Chairman, Dr. J. G. Thornton, Arkansas; H. P. Stewart, Alabama; J. G. Ish, Arkansas; Lizzie Robinson, Kentucky; Annie Gilliam, Arkansas; E. W. Bailey, Texas; Viola M. Scott, Georgia.

Welcomes Visitors.

Tonight the Institute Chapel was crowded with delegates and visitors from Tuskegee and abroad who listened to the welcome address of Dr. Washington, the address of Grand Master Powell of Alabama, and the response of John E. Bush. Secretary Emmett J. Scott, who was master of ceremonies, delivered the opening address.

"Tuskegee," said Dr. Washington, who was frequently interrupted by applause, "Tuskegee has entertained many bodies and many distinguished persons, but we are honored in the presence of the Mosaic Templars beyond my power to express. I urge you to feel at home, for when this institution was planted we dedicated it to the public, and so it has stood during more than thirty years. Representing the masses of my people who stand as the backbone of all our achievements, the leaders of this organization must realize the great responsibility of drawing so many people together, here to take steps towards definite good work for all the people, white and black alike.

"You come to labor with intelligence, pledging yourselves to forget the charm of the immortal "p'int of order" so long associated with colored bodies. You come with a high reputation among all the people, and therefore you must realize what a high reputation means to a man or an organization. You have seen what a great thing can be done by working together; look about you at Tuskegee and the story is told over again. I urge you to stand by your leaders. In Bush, the organizing genius of our race, and Elliott, your beloved Grand Master, you have leaders as worthy as any cause ever claimed. Be their stay and not their stumbling blocks."

Advises Business.

Dr. Washington said that often there is more danger in prosperity than in adversity. He warned the leaders against the loose spending of money, and advised strict business methods in all colored organizations. He gave it as opinion that strong and well tried men are needed more among negroes now than ever before. "Our white friends in the South will treat with strong black men, but not with weaklings," he said.

"I have more than passing pride in the Mosaic Templars," he concluded, "because it is not an appendage to some white organization, and raised no disturbance over a name. You chose your name, and now see how far it has gone. You have extended your business beyond the seas."

L. L. Powell, of Montgomery, Grand Master of this State, made a striking address in welcoming the delegates to

ELOQUENT ADDRESS MADE TO NEGROES

Grand Lodge of Pythians Elects Blount as Head of Order—Simmons Pleads For True Advancement

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Special to The Advertiser.

SELMA, ALA., Aug. 13.R. A. Blount of Birmingham, grand chancellor of the negro Knights of Pythias, was given another expression of confidence on the part of his fellow Pythians, when for the fourteenth consecutive year he was re-elected Grand Chancellor of the Order The periodic opposition that was voiced in the candidacy of J. W. Coleman, of Birmingham, this year was able to muster only twenty-five votes. The result of the balloting was Blount 169, Coleman 25. The other officials elected at the afternoon session were J. W. Goree, Selma, Vice Grand Chancellor; Rev. I. H. Belser, Montgomery, Grand Prelate, Robert Taylor, Birmingham, Grand Master of Exchequer; W. H. Brazier, Mobile, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals; E. A. Brown, Birmingham, Grand Attorney; S. A. Richardson, Grand Master at Arms; Dr. D. H. C. Scott, Montgomery, Grand Medical Register; I. H. Martin, Faunsdale, Grand Inner Guard; J. J. Packard Mobile, Grand Outer Guard.

Dr. U. G. Mason, of Birmingham, president of the Prudential Savings Bank, was unanimously elected treasurer of the endowment board, and Prof. M. J. Moore, of Montgomery, secretary.

Simmons Makes Address.

The routine of the Grand Lodge was interrupted at the closing of the afternoon session by the remarkable address of Roscoe C. Simmons, the noted orator and writer from Tuskegee, one of the important factors in the Supreme Lodge of Pythians. His address was declared to have been one of the strongest ever delivered before the Grand Lodge and created so much enthusiasm that it was impossible to restore order when he had concluded The ardent and able disciple of Bookeria T. Washington, his message was one of peace and good will.

"Let us put on the robes of patience," said he, "and wait the morning's promise. Heart to heart, hand to hand and step to step all people assembled here in America will plan beyond man's comprehension and will contribute in time to the world's first democracy. Hope shall be the flag, faith the law and love the undisputed ruler." He declared that in Alabama the negroes owned 1,500,000 acres of land and controls 5,000,000 and that the Alabama negro has $20,000,000 invested in domestic animals and constitutes 42 per cent of the farming population of the State. His tribute to Booker T. Washington brought forth great applause.

Deplores Drink Evil.

Expressions on temperance and education were marked features of the day's activities of the organization. The committees brought in expressions deploring the drink evil, and pleaded with the Pythians to commit themselves and their influence to the cause of temperance. Thanking the State and the white people generally for heir efforts towards the education of he negro in the past, the committee n education pleaded for better hools, better teachers and larger salies, and at the same time urged the groes themselves to sacrifice of their eans for the training of their young eople.

The report of the committee on grievance was submitted and several cases of importance disposed of to the satisfaction of the parties involved.

The Grand Lodge, Grand Court of Calanthe, and the uniform rank, together with the members of local lodges formed a parade through the principal streets Thursday afternoon that attracted considerable attention. J. W. Goree, unanimously re-elected vice-grand chancellor, was recommended to the Supreme Lodge for the past Grand Chancellor's degree.

NUTTER RE-ELECTED ELKS HEAD

ELKS HOLD CONVENTION IN NORFOLK, NUTTER ADMINISTRATION SUCCESSFUL—HARMONY WITH WHITE ELKS.

The Guardian
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With rivalry and enthusiasm running extremely high before one of the largest attended conventions in the history of the noble order, the members and delegates to the Grand Lodge of the Elks, held at Norfolk, Va., re-elected Hon. T. Gillis Nutter, Grand Exalted Ruler over his retermined rival, Attorney Armond W. Scott, of Washington, D. C.

Attorney J. Frank Wheaton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, placed the Hon. T. Gillis Nutter in nomination for re-election and was followed by Attorney McMechen, of Baltimore, who nominated Attorney Armond W. Ccott, of Washington, D. C., for the same office.

Grand Secretary Bates of New Jersey won by acclamation. Re-election of Grand Treasurer Carter of Virginia; Grand Esteem Leading Knight Hoyt of Boston, by accalamation, and the election of J. H. Starkey of Cleveland, Ohio, as Grand Esteem Loyal Knight; William H. Leonard, as Grand Esteem Lecturing Knight.

Through his conference with Hon. Leach, Grand Exalted Ruler of the B. P. O. E. harmony has been restored betwen the Colored and white Elks of America. The petition of the Hon. T. Gillis Nutter, asking for a thorough understanding between the two grand bodies was presented to a committee of the B. P. O. E. at their last convention, held at Denver, Col., whereat it was agred that the law suits, between the two orders, should be discontinued and no fraternal recognition should be sought by the Colored Elks, they being content to confine their efforts to their own ranks for the intellectual and moral development of their members and race.

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Elks will be held in Chicago, Ill., during August of 1915.

THE ORDER OF MOSES HOLDS ANNUAL PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The New York Age
7-18-14

Was Founded by Peter Paul Brown Forty-seven Years Ago.

Brooklyn.—One of the most interesting events among the secret societies in Brooklyn recently was the annual thanksgiving sermon to the Order of Moses held in the Bridge Street A. M. E. church. The sermon was delivered by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. C. P. Cole. The members of the various departments of the order were out in large numbers and in full regalia which added charm and beauty to their appearance as they filed into the aisles of the spacious edifice.

The exercises of the order were conducted by Joseph E. Matthews, who was master of ceremonies. The program was highly interesting especially to those persons who had never before seen such a program carried out by a large secret organization in a public place of religious worship. The statement giving the purpose of the order was read by Arthur Q. Martin, one of Brooklyn's successful business men. Mr. Martin said that the order of Moses was founded forty-seven years ago by Peter Paul Brown in Morristown, Pa. He also gave the figures showing the benefits derived from the organization by a financial member.

The sermon by Dr. Cole dealt largely with the history of Moses and revealed much helpful information to the members of the order and also to the public. Dr. Cole said that the order occupied a different position from that of many of the secret societies because it was founded by a colored American and had been successfully conducted by members of the colored race in America for forty-seven years.

Knights of Moses Meet in Waycross

REV. S. T. REDD, SUPREME KNIGHT COMMANDER

Large Representation Expected at Meeting—Order Steadily Increasing—Financial Standing Very Satisfactory—Several New Lodges Set Up During Last Few Months.

The grand lodge of the Knights of Moses Benevolent and Fraternal Association will convene in Waycross, Ga., on the 19th of this moath and will remain in session until the afternoon of the 22nd. Large representation will be present from all of the lodges of the state and the meeting gives promise of being the most beneficial in the history of the order.

The order is composed of thirty lodges throughout the state and has a membership of about one thousand. Rev. S. T. Redd, of this city, is supreme knight commander of the order and will preside at the Waycross meeting.

About four years ago, the order was reorganized at Alamo, Ga., and since that time has steadily increased. Among the reorganizers of the order are some of the most influential and substantial Negroes of the state.

A recent statement issued by the bank at Alamo shows the finances of the order to be in good standing. The order, as its name implies, is a fraternal organization with all of the beneficent features known to orders of this nature. It has deposited in the state treasury the required $5000.00 for the protection of its policy holders

NEW G. M. FOR TRUE REFORMERS

Rev. S. S. Morris, of Richmond,

Acting Pending Meeting of Grand Fountion

The Journal and Guide
12-12-14

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Richmond, Va. December 10.—Rev. S. S. Morris pastor Third Street, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Richmond has been elected acting Grand Worthy Master of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, an executive committee will manage the affairs of the institution. The Richmond people are loyal and enthusiastic in their effort to restore full confidence. Grand Master Ross is now under indictment for embezzlement.

PYTHIANS START $120,000 TEMPLE

The Afro American
Louisville, Ky., 12-26-14

Louisville, Ky., December 25—The cornerstone of the new $120,000 Pythian Castle at Tenth and Chestnut streets was laid Thanksgiving Day with impressive ceremonies. A big parade preceded the services, which were attended by an immense throng.

The exercises were presided over by A. L. Garvin, grand chancellor for Kentucky. Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky., the supreme keeper of records and seal, and Mrs. A.P. Mundy were among those who delivered addresses Over $5,000 was collected.

The castle will be six stories in height, will contain a roof gadren, offices, lodge rooms, stores and a theater.

TEXAS ORDER RAISES $10,000 MONTHLY

The Houston Texas
12-31-14

Houston, Texas, Dec. 29.—More than $10,000 a month was received by the Mutual Aid Department of the United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, according to the last quarterly report submitted by F. W. Gross, secretary, in the meeting on December 21 in the U. B. F. building, Milam street. Total receipts for the last quarter amounted to $32,-916.29.

$21,000 were set aside to settle mortuary claims for the quarter and the secretary reported that $34,000 of the order's funds were invested in interest-bearing gold bonds, first mortgages and deposited in savings departments of national banks.

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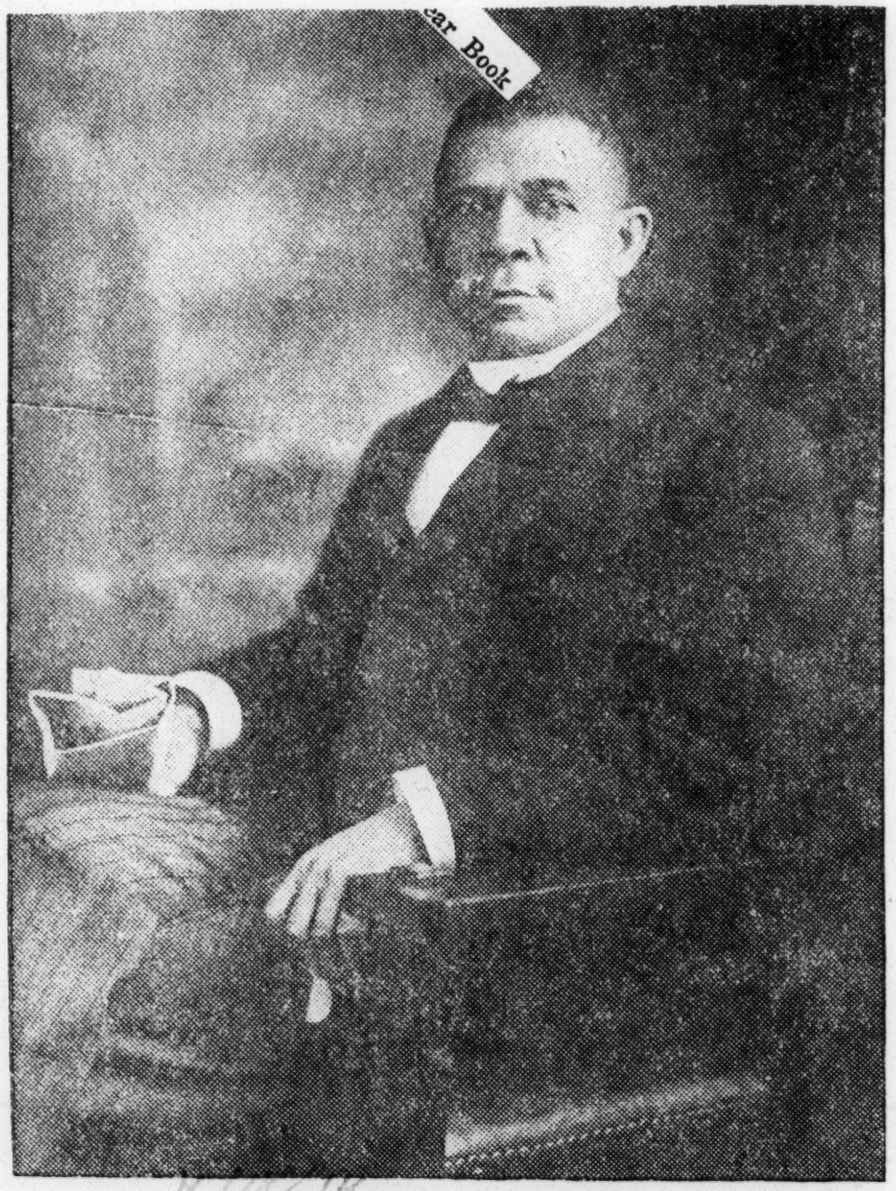

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Mr. Washington's Triumphant Entry Into Atlanta

THE MAN AND OPPORTUNITY MET

Grand Opening of Odd Fellows' Auditorium a Brilliant Affair

The opening of the Odd Fellows $100,000 Auditorium by Booker T. Washington Tuesday night was an epoch maker in the history of the race. Mr. Washington's oration was the greatest effort of his life. He easily made good his reputation as the foremost leader and educator of his race and day. The ovation given him by the citizens of Atlanta and the Odd Fellows in particular was only worthy of the man. He arrived in the city Tuesday at 2:25 p. m. and was met at the Terminal Station by a committee of representative citizens in automobiles. The committee of reception was made up of leading clergy, business and working men. Mechanics, preachers, teachers, lawyers and newspaper men constituted the committee. He was driven from the Terminal Station down Mitchell to Whitehall, down Whitehall to Auburn, down Auburn to the Gate City Drug Store where the committee of thirty was briefly entertained by that prince good fellow, Dr. Moses Amos. The procession of automobiles was led by Dr. A. D. Jones and District Grand Master, B. S. Ingram. From the drug store the party was driven to Morris Brown University where the student body was addressed by Principal Booker T. Washington, Secretary E. J. Scott and Editor B. J. Davis. Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson acted as Master of Ceremonies assisted by President Fountain. After the entertainment was over at Morris Brown, a select party was driven to the spacious home of Hon. A. F. Herndon on University Place, where a sumptuous repast was awaiting, presided over by Madam A. F. Herndon. A couple of hours were spent in this elaborate home and then the party repaired to the auditorium where thousands of people thronged the streets to get a glimpse of the Tuskegee Wizard. At 8 o'clock he appeared from the Butler street entrance upon the arm of District Grand Secretary Davis, closely followed by President W. F. Penn, Secretary Scott and Private Secretary Hunt. At the appearance of Mr. Washington the crowd in the auditorium arose and cheered for many minutes. The applause was prolonged and deafening. As the great leader entered the house the orchestra played a popular air, and Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams opened the dedicatory services. Mr. Washington, for one hour and ten minutes held his audience spellbound, not a person left the house. Perfect order prevailed, every person being anxious to get the benefit of every word the statesman said.

At the close of the exercises, one hundred plates were laid in room 410, Odd Fellows Building in honor of Mr. Washington and Secretary Scott. The following menu was enjoyed and toasts responded to:

BANQUET OF THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS IN HONOR OF DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON APRIL 14, 1914.

Toastmaster ..... Mr. B. J. Davis
The G. U. O. O. F. and Big Business ..... Dr. W. F. Penn
Toast ..... Dr. Booker T. Washington
Our Guest ..... Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson
The National Negro Business League ..... Mr. Emmett J. Scott
The Church and Civic Development of the Race ..... Bishop J. S. Flipper
The Atlanta Board of Trade ..... Mr. H. H. Pace

MENU

Olives and Mixed Pickles
Tomato Sandwiches Sliced Ham and Tongue
Chicken Salad Cream and Cake
Coffee Cigars

Speeches by Messrs. Washington, Scott and Pace were the special features of the evening, and Mr. Scott's explanation of the purpose and scope of the National Negro Business League brought from the Toastmaster the

NEGRO SHRINERS OF GEORGIA FACE FIGHT

The New York Age 12/31/14

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 29—The hearing of the injunction proceedings instituted by White Mystic Shriners against colored Mystic Shriners is scheduled to be heard in the Superior Court next Wednesday. As the validity of various branches of colored Masons is to be attacked, it is likely that the case will finally reach the United States Supreme Court.

promise that the Atlanta Board of Trade would be represented at the meeting of the league in Muskogee, Okla., next summer.

The following is a list of the guests who sat around the festal board and listened to the words of wisdom that fell from the wizard's tongue and enjoyed the sumptuous feast prepared by Miss Lucile Dennis, a Tuskegee girl, and her mother, Mrs. Annie Smith, who acted as cateress:

Booker T. Washington, Dr. A. N. Gordon, Emmett Scott, B. S. Ingram, H. C. Young, Dr. J. S. Carwin, T. K. Persley, B. W. S. Daniels, J. C. Styles, Sim Jones, John T. Walton, Dr. R. H. Cobb, Dr. E. J. Turner, Alex. Tales, J. M. Pitts, Wm. D. Johnson, Joe Watson, G. R. Hutto, B. W. Warren, J. H. Bonner, Ira T. Bryant, Henry Boyd, R. A. Boyd, R. H. Carter, A. S. Williams, Dr. W. H. Harris, C. M. Manning, W. C. Thomas, Jno. Alexander, C. A. Bullard, J. Wright, Jas. L. Holloway, J. A. Smith, Reuben Black, J. H. Dent, E. L. Simon, T. C. Strickland, H. L. Ferrell, C. C. Shanks, Vernon James, Sidney Woodward, Dr. J. R. Porter, J. B. Watson, Rev. E. Day, Rev. E. L. Henderson, R. B. Ferrell, B. J. Davis, G. M. Howell, Dr. H. R. Butler, Wm. F. Penn, Bishop R. S. Williams, Dr. C. T. Walker, Wm. Driskell, M. B. Morton, Ed. Pharrow, J. W. Davidson, Dr. G. N. Stoney, Jno. Hope, W. J. Trent, Matthew Bullock, Howard Russell, E. R. Carter, W. S. Cannon, C. C. Cater, J. O. Ross, T. K. Gibson, S. W. Walker, E. P. Johnson, Dr. W. A. Fountain, Bishop J. S. Flipper, L. H. King, E. H. Oliver, P. O. Connell, Rev. H. H. Proctor, Rev. J. A. Rush, R. L. Jones, C. W. Hill, Dr. A. D. Jones, J. L. Wheller, Dr. Chas. Johnson, Harry H. Pace, H. E. Perry, Rev. P. J. Bryant, A. F. Herndon, Rev. C. M. Tanner, Alex. Hamilton, D. T. Howard, J. M. Robinson, Dr. T. H. Slater, Dr. Moses Amos, Dr. J. G. Sterrs, Dr. L. B. Palmer, Dr. D. R. Greene, Prof. G. A. Towns, Prof. Kemper Harrold, Prof. B. G. Brawley, Rev. R. A. Carter, Bishop L. H. Holsey, Rev. C. H. Young, Frank J. Wimberly, Jackson McHenry, Rev. A. D. Williams, C. C. Neal, J. H. Collough, B. J. Bridges, J. G. Watts, B. R. Holmes.

The above structure is the Union Jarah Lodge Building, which has just been recently built by the Odd Fellows at Gainesville, Ga. It is a two-story brick building with modern equipments built at the cost of $5,000. It is a great credit to the Odd Fellows of Georgia and shows the pluck of those noble men in Gainesville, who undertook such a Herculean task. The Hon. J. D. O'Kelly was the architect and builder and deserves no little commendation for this striking example of his native genius and talent. For certainly no man could have designed, planned and constructed such a building without great native ability. A great many favorable comments have been made on the structure and special praise has been given to Mr. O'Kelly by both white and black at Gainesville. Its praise is on the lips of all who have seen it. It stands as a living monument to the initiative and determination of these hearty Odd Fellows of Gainesville. The division meeting that was held last Saturday in Gainesville was in the Union Jarah Hall. District Grand Secretary Davis, R. B. Ferrell, Capt. Jackson McHenry, of Atlanta, were present and they are much pleasure with what they saw, and spoke of it in the highest terms. No little praise is due J. D. O'Kelly for the part he played in designing and constructing the building. R. A. Chamblee and R. W. Chamblee come in for great praise also, as they have co-operated with Mr. O'Kelly in carrying this project to a successful completion.

They have seventy-five members, R. A. Chamblee, N. G., and R. W. Chamblee, P. S. This adds another chapter to the glory of the Odd Fellows of the State and shows that they are following the lead of their matchless leader, B. J. Davis, who set the pace in building for the Odd Fellows of Georgia a solid block in the great city of Atlanta.

An excursion will be run to Gainesville June 8 under the management of Capt. Jackson McHenry, from Atlanta to Gainesville, and those who desire to witness this great structure will have an opportunity. Also there will be one from Athens to Gainesville on the same day and a ball game will take place between the Athens and Atlanta teams.

The Independent commends the Odd Fellows of Gainesville for the noble work they have accomplished and urges other communities to follow them.

Union Jarah Lodge

NO. 2603

Gainesville, Georgia

HON. J. D. O'KELLY,
Contractor and Builder.

ODD FELLOW HALL, GAINESVILLE, GA.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF U. B. F. OF TEXAS MEET

Special to The New York Age.

Houston, Tex., March 10.—The board of managers of the Grand lodge, United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, assembled in the U. B. F. building in this city with the following officers present: W. F. Bledsoe, Marshall, president; F. W. Gross, Houston, secretary; Joseph Nichols, Houston, treasurer.

The secretary made the following report of receipts for the three months ending February 28: For widows and orphans, $21,364.75; for burial fund $17,547; for rent of office building $3,391.55; for per capita taxes, $1,412.04; for special reserve, $337.50; for interest on deposits and investments, $335.56; for the sale of supplies, $94.23; for regular reserve, $79.50; for the change of policies, $24.75; for home and business fund, $8; total collection for three months, $44,594.88.

A number of cases up for settlement were disposed of satisfactorily to all concerned. The board set aside $20,000 to pay death claims for the quarter. The secretary reported the assets of the society at $255,000 with net resources of $135,000.

Negro Knights Close Conference.

The delegates to the International Conference of the Afro-American Knights templar, of the United States and Canada and the members of the Colored Shriners, who have been holding their conclave in ittsburgh during the week, completed eir business yesterday and many of the legates left for their homes in the ternoon and evening. It was arranged hold the next conclave in Chicago, in 1916. The visiting delegates left ittsburgh well pleased with the way ey were treated.

NEGRO ASSOCIATION MEETS IN NASHVILLE

The annual session of the Working People's Labor and Art association of Tennessee, a fraternal organization among negroes, is being held in the Boyd building on Cedar street, the meeting beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing through Saturday. W. D. Hawkins of Nashville, president of the association, is presiding over the meeting. Other officers are: Rev. G. C. Harding, Murfreesboro, and Dr. J. B. Singleton, Nashville, secretaries, and James Bumpas, Nashville, treasurer. Delegates are in attendance from the different parts of the state.

Wednesday night a welcome exercise was held, the principal speakers being James Bumpas and Rev. W. R. Snell of Murfreesboro. Other short speeches were also delivered. Revision of endowment laws and other legislation, it is stated, will be important work of the present session.

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PART OF ADDRESS DELIVERED BY BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AT DEDICATION OF ODD FELLOWS AUDITORIUM, ATLANTA, TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1911.

Few invitations from any part of the country have ever come to me which I have appreciated more than I have the invitation to deliver the dedicatory address in connection with the opening and formal setting aside for service of this beautiful auditorium.

I can only repeat here what I have said elsewhere and before, and that is, I consider in conceiving and building this magnificent edifice, the Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia under the leadership and guidance of their great leader, Mr. Benjamin Davis, have reached high water mark in business achievement. I know of nothing in the history of the race that compares with the erection of this building; nothing that compares with it in the amount of executive ability displayed, the amount of hard work that has been necessary to unite our people and get from them the necessary funds with which to erect this building at a cost of $253,000.

It must be a proud moment for the Odd Fellows of Georgia and for the people of our race throughout the country when at the end of fifty years of freedom we are able to dedicate a structure of this character, as I have said, at a cost of $253,000 entirely free from debt.

One definite, big achievement of this character is worth more than all the abstract discussion of race problems that we can indulge in from now until the end of time. Think of it! At the end of fifty years of freedom the people who were slaves themselves or whose parents were slaves, have erected here in the heart of the South a building containing fourteen store rooms, sixty office rooms, six lodge rooms and an auditorium with seating capacity of 1,300.

Some old philosopher has said that when a man passed by who knows where he is going, the whole world stands aside and pays him deference. The man whose energy, whose faith, whose devotion to his race has been the leader in the creation of this great structure, is one of the great characters of the world to whom the words of the ancient philosopher will fully apply. I need only add that I refer to the Hon. Benjamin J. Davis. Not only are the Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia but our whole race is indebted to him and the devoted followers who have stood by him and held up his hands in season and out of season in bringing about the completion of this monument to the capacity and devotion of our race.

The completion of this building at so great a cost means some very definite things as to the present and future of our race.

First, it means that the colored people of Atlanta and of Georgia have made up their minds that they are going to remain here in the South. After traveling through this county and many other countries, I have no hesitation in declaring that when all things are considered, there is no place that presents so many advantages for the future of our race as is true of the South, and I repeat that the completion of this costly structure means that you agree with this view.

This building also means that in the future we are going to place more emphasis upon our advantages and less upon our disadvantages; that we are going to advertise our friends more and our enemies less.

This building also means that we have faith in ourselves, faith in our ability to do, and that we have confidence in our leaders; that in the future we are going to cultivate a feeling of race pride in a larger measure than we have in the past and that we are going to let the world understand that we are just as proud of being members of the Negro race as any one can be in being identified with other races.

The completion of this building also means that we have faith in the white man; faith in our ability to live here by his side, to co-operate with him in all the things that mean a higher and better citizenship. It means that as the white man sees that we are succeeding that he is going to help us reach a higher degree of success.

This building also means that as a race we are learning to save our money, to co-operate one with the other, to organize to invest it in directions that will help the present and future generations; it means that the old wasteful habit of living has disappeared and that we mean to live not only in the present but in the future.

This building also means that our race and other races have learned that we as a race can work together in an organized capacity. It has been said in the past that the Negro is individually strong but organically weak. This great occasion means that we have learned to do team work and to plan together, to pull together and co-operate until success has been attained to. Never was the value of such an organization as the Odd Fellows of the State of Georgia recognized in a more perfect degree than through the bringing about of the success of this gigantic enterprise. It has been largely through the help of such organizations that the Negro, unlike many other newly freed races, has fed, clothed and sheltered himself; not only this, but taken care of his sick and unfortunate without going, except in rare cases, outside of the race for help.

This occasion also means that we have reached the point in this part of the South where we are going to disregard differences whether they are personal, local, religious or political, that we are going to trample upon all selfish feelings, that we are going to forget and put behind us all save that which means the progress and the happiness of our race and our Southland; it means all that has separated us in the past shall be no more and that we shall come together and teach the world that we are large enough and generous enough to forget everything that has torn us asunder and brought about jealousies and difficulties and that we are now resolved to work together and co-operate together as one man.

This building also means that we are determined that we have reached that period in our development where we have learned that it is of higher value to us as a race to advertise our success than to advertise our failures, to advertise, as I have said, our opportunities and advantages rather than our disadvantages; that we have entered upon a definite, constructive progressive program that is going to take the place of idle boasting and idle gossip.

This occasion also means that we are going to white people to help and encourage us by advertising to the world the best side of Negro life instead of, as is too often true, the worst side of Negro life; that we are going to ask the white people to let the world know more about the Negro who is honest and straightforward and succeeding in business, and less about the Negro who leads a mere idle and non-effective life.

This occasion also means, as I have said in the beginning, that we not only have faith in the white man, but that we are going to unite with the best white people in the South to crush out racial hatred and racial bitterness, and teach the world that two races differing in color, differing in history can live upon the same soil and in the same city and each help the other and neither hinder the other.

If there is any one person who sometimes grows discouraged and disappointed concerning the present and future of our race, let him go back in his imagination fifty years or even twenty-five years, and picture to himself the condition that then existed in the very territory where this building stands, and see if in his own mind it would have been possible for the most optimistic person to have imagined or predicted that the time would come when here in the heart of the South a great structure built by black hands by black people's money at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars could have been thought possible.

The citizens of Atlanta without regard to race or color, the citizens of Georgia and of the South do well to come here in so large numbers to unite with the leaders in this movement in formally dedicating this great structure to the cause of industry, philanthropy, Negro devotion and to all that means the highest and best in the achievement of ten millions of black citizens.

THE IDEA AND POLICY OF THE NEGRO LEADERS OF GEORGIA

The dominant idea of the Georgia leaders is a high and lofty one. Its aim is to educate the masses to a full realization of their strength and possibilty as a race along all lines,—fraternally and economically, together with their rights as citizens. They have carefully investigated the conduct of the leaders for the last fifty years, with the end in view to discover their mistakes and weak points, in order that they might be able to overcome them. In this investigation they have found that one great mistake their early leadership has made, was a lack of organization, concentration and co-operation. For more than forty years, our then leaders, who had scarcely any education and training, knew practically nothing of the importance of organization. Their past training as slaves, gave them practically no knowledge of this great fundamental principle, which lies at the very foundation of a race's prosperity and success. Their strength was, therefore, dissipated. They were like so many lengths of chain, that separately could accomplish very little. They did not know how to address themselves to the central idea of organization for the accomplishment of a great end. The consequence was that they drifted along like leaves upon the current, and very little was accomplished. There was absolutely nothing to appeal to race pride and self-government. Hence, the deplorable condition of the masses for nearly forty years.

They had not learned the habit of thinking, which is the dominant factor in the success of a people as well as an individual. For under the old regime they did not have to think, they only had to do as their masters directed them, without knowing the whys and wherefores. And very few ever tried to find out the whys and wherefores. It was sufficient for them to obey orders without injuring the reason why. It necessarily followed then, their church, fraternal, industrial and political organizations were weak and feeble. This is always the case where a people have not been taught to think and act for the accomplishment of a great purpose. But this can be said,—they did the best they could. And they deserve much praise for keeping the masses encouraged until some great Moses could rise and lead them out of a great wilderness in which they found themselves.

But thanks to the philanthropy of the North, missionary schools were opened, and the present leaders entered and received their first lessons in books and higher ideals of living. Here they are taught parliamentary usages, organization and discipline. Here they received their first lessons of leadership. The great leaders who are now at the helm, leading our people to better and grander heights, are those who have emerged from these institutions of learning. As stated above, they saw the mistakes of the earlier leaders and set about to correct them,—in church, in society, in economics as well as in civil and political affairs. It was a Herculean task, but they did not hesitate on that account; imbued with the love of race and the command of duty, they summoned all their strength, morally, mentally and physically, to turn over all orders and systems of things and build up new ones.

The task was hard because our people had been lead ignorantly in many things pertaining to their best interest and welfare as a race. This was true, not only in Georgia, but throughout the South.

But our present purpose is to speak of the Georgia leaders. They found the church organization hardly any organization at all, because the leaders were uneducated and undisciplined. The secret orders were in name only. There was no cohesion and no binding force. As soon as they differed on some question of procedure, they went to pieces like a joint snake; and the little it had taken years to accomplish, was scattered to the winds. This was the situation when the present leaders took hold not more than twelve years ago.

What did the G. U. O. O. F. of Georgia amount to twelve years ago? They had in their treasury less than $35, and less than twelve thousand members. They only paid their dues when they felt like it; for they saw no great advantage or reward in paying their assessments promptly. But when the Endowment Bureau was incorporated by the present leadership, new inspiration was aroused, and the membership soon saw the wisdom of their leaders, and most of them responded cheerfully. The only trouble they have now, is with the would-be leaders, who havn't sense enough to get out of a shower of rain; but yet, they would essay to lead.

The present leadership had great ideas of what they wanted to accomplish, they realized the importance of organization, and addressed themselves to that task. And today, instead of a membership of ten or twelve thousand, they have one of sixty thousand.

The next thing that appeared to them, was the importance of the concentration of their small mites. They knew clearly that these small amount of 25 cents and 50 cents from each member of the Order in the State, if put together, that, in the course of a few years, would amount to a great deal. They went forward and put this plan into execution. Then they felt if they could accomplish this much with these small amounts, and build up a strong treasury; why could they not go a step further, and ask every member of the Order in Georgia to voluntarily give $1, which would work no hardship on anyone, and build up a headquarters that would be worth the while? The membership was appealed to, and fifty thousand dollars were raised in one day. And this has been added to from time to time, and today the Order in Georgia is worth in property and money, five hundred thousand dollars ($5000,000). It is able to discharge its duty to every member and have a sufficient surplus to aid many of them in lifting mortgages from their homes and farms, besides investing in real estate to increase the revenue on the principal which they already have. Not only have the members been blessed, but Negro institutions, in the form of loans made them. This is a great tribute to the wisdom and foresight of the present Negro leaders in our State. And whatever else may be said of them, no fairminded man or woman can discredit the ability and patriotism of their glorious administration. That stands as a beacon light for our people in Georgia. It reveals to them what their possibilities are. It speaks most eloquently what organization, concentration and great thinking can do, even when opposed by the most unfavorable circumstances. It teaches in no uncertain sound what our people can do along all lines of human endeavor. This was done not from without but from within. The present leadership evolved the plan and worked it out to a successful finish, and have taught our people that they must depend upon themselves and not upon others. And that others will recognize them in so far as they accomplish great things like other people. These leaders have not only the confidence of their own people, but of the white people. For they have shown themselves worthy of their confidence and respect. And the other people give it, and are now willing to give them a helping hand.

G. U. O. OF ABRAHAM

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This is one of the very best societies of colored people in existence. It is a society and mutual insurance company, combined, and one of the cheapest mutual policies that a man or woman can join. It helps the sick, buries the dead and pays for benefits in case of death, sickness, temporary or permanent disability, either as a result of disease, accident or old age; and is organized for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries and not for profit.

Section 2. This Order also pays to its members one-fourth of the face value of their policy after 15 years, and leaves something for the widow and orphans of deceased member.

Widow.

Section 3. This Society not only pays to the legal representative of a deceased member the endowment of $100.00, according to the limit of time of membership or degree, but gives to the widow and orphans each year a pension as long as they are in good standing.

Orphans Kept in School.

Section 4. This Society also sees that each orphan child, whose father dies financially in order, shall be kept in some school, providing the child is under sixteen years of age.

Section 5. Women and men may all join the lodge together; ages from 16 to 60 years.

Section 6. This Society was organized by N. S. Gillespie, Dr. C. A. Eaton, M.D., James M. Gavin and others, September 29, 1913, at St. Pauls, N. C., and now has moved its home office to Rockingham, N. C.

Section 7. This order is non-sectarian and does not allow religious discussions. Any one that is a Christian should be a member. The whole order is on a religious basis. Just think of whom it takes its name from; then think of its glorious platform. The Grand United Order of Abraham,

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OFFICERS SELECTED BY NEGRO MASONS

Delegates Spend Part of Day in Sightseeing and Parading.

Delegates to the biennial international congress of Afro-American Masons spent an interesting day yesterday. There were sightseeing trips to many points of interest in the city during the day. In the afternoon a parade of the Order of the Mystic Shrine was the chief number on the program. The long line of uniformed marchers with bands moved down Wylie avenue and traversed the principal streets. Lodges from the United States and Canada took part.

The Holy Royal Arch Masons elected officers last night as follows: President, W. G. Butler, New York; first vice president, W. S. Lewis, Pittsburgh; second vice president, T. M. Dent, Washington, D. C.; secretary, James O. Bampfield, Washington; treasurer, T. M. Holland, Chicago; chaplain, Rev. P. S. Scott, Pittsburgh; chairman of the executive committee, R. B. Ellington, Chicago. Addresses were made by T. M. Holland and T. M. Dent.

The election of officers of the Ancient Egyptian Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed until Friday morning, owing to the time being consumed in the selection of Joseph H Murphy of Baltimore as chief imperial potentate. A parade over the downtown streets, to be followed by prize drills in Exposition hall this afternoon, will be features of today's program.

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Colored Woodmen Met.

The eighth annual session of the Colored Modern Woodmen of the World, jurisdiction of Texas, was opened Monday at St. John Baptist church, Rev. H. R. Johnson, pastor, on Broadway street. The meeting began at 8:30 o'clock Monday night. W. E. Johnson of Bonham, sovereign commander, presided. Among those present are Prof. J. H. Stuart of Austin, B. H. Johnson of Bonham, B. W. Clark of Quitman, Rev. A. Gordon of Dallas. The St. John Baptist church choir furnished the music. Van H. McKinney made the address of welcome and Rev. A. Gordon of Dallas responded. H. F. Edwards was master of ceremonies. The remaining sessions will be held at Emancipation park.

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Grand Worthy Master Ross Disappears.

Board of Directors Suspends Him From Office.--His Residence Vacated.

Family Removes to Another State.--Rev. S. S. Morris Named to Succeed Him.

DR. A. S. THOMAS DECLINES TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR--FINE MASS MEETING--ALL TO AID THE TRUE REFORMERS.

The Richmond [illegible]

Grand Worthy Master Floyd Ross has left Richmond. He has vacated his residence at 106 E. Leigh St. and his family has also left the city. Double horse wagons were busily engaged in removing the household effects from the house Friday evening and the work was not completed until after dark. Mrs. Ross is reported to have gone to her relatives in West Virginia. The called meeting of the Board of Directors was largely attended last Monday. Those who attended were J. E. Brown of Roanoke, Va., A. W. Hall of Norfolk,, Va., Mrs. L. D. Hodge of Montgomery, West Va., Mrs. Sarah S. Lewis of Washington, D. C., J. R. Wilson of Danville, Va., Rev. Granville Hunt of New York, Irvin East of Richmond, Dr. William H. Smith, Rev. S. S. Morris and Maurice Rouselle.

HEAVILY INVOLVED.

Mrs. L. D. Hodge is Grand Worthy Mistress. The report on the Grand Worthy Master disclosed the fact that he was heavily involved. It seems that the field money that it is alleged had been taken for his personal use and that donations for the Old Folks' Home had been similarly treated. Grand Worthy Master Floyd Ross was not under bond, although Grand Worthy Secretary Maurice Rouselle and Grand Worthy Treasurer William H. Smith are under bond in reputable bonding companies. Despite this fact, the Grand Fountain at its last session, in a moment of enthusiastic fervor, voted that all the money for these specific purposes be sent to the Grand Worthy Master, to be transmitted by him to the Grand Worthy Secretary, who in turn was to deposit the amount with the Grand Worthy Treasurer.

So far as is now known, the endowment funds were not affected and this department of the Order is accordingly intact. There are many questions being asked as to the amount of Grand Worthy Master Floyd Ross' apparent shortage. This information is not definitely known for the reason that the facts are coming in as this one or the other reports that money had been sent to the Grand Worthy Master. The Board of Directors elected Rev. S. S. Morris to act as Chairman and based upon the reports, the condition of the Order was found to be satisfactory.

GRAND WORTHY MASTER ROSS SUSPENDED

A resolution was adopted suspending Floyd Ross from the position of Grand Worthy Master until he appears and explains to the satisfaction of the Board the alleged discrepancies and shortages. Some said he had gone to Lynchburg, Va., to see former Vice Grand Worthy Master A. Humbles, who has allowed himself to drop out of the membership of the Order, although heretofore he has been one of the most loyal and faithful members. A resolution was also passed creating an Executive Committee to control the affairs of the Order.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CREATED

They are J. R. Wilson, S. S. Morris, Mrs. Sarah S. Lewis, Irvin East, S. W. Hall. This Executive Committee will meet every Friday and will consist of those members in Richmond. Once a month, the entire mittee will assemble here. Rev. S. S. Morris was elected temporary Grand Worthy Master during the disability of Floyd Ross. His election was made with the understanding that he would serve without pay. Harmony prevailed in the meeting of the Board of Directors. The mass-meeting was held in True Reformers' Hall last Monday night. Chief of Richmond Division A. Beverly presided.

MANY SPEAK.

A statement was made of existing conditions and after this many persons spoke. Among these were J. W. Thompson, J. W. Johnson, W. Henry Jones, Mrs. Zemoria D. Wood and Rev. A. S. Thomas, D. D. Rev. Thomas had been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors and efforts were made to have him go to the platform. He insisted upon remaining in his seat, however, and he asked some questions. Among these, he wanted to know the exact amount of the shortage of the Grand Worthy Master. This information was not forthcoming, it being explained that it was not deemed advisable to give out this information while the matter was in the court and an indictment was pending.

REV. DR. THOMAS DECLINES.

Rev. Dr. Thomas announced that he was unwilling to serve on the Board, for the reason that he had not been previously notified of such an election and he had no opportunity of knowing all of the facts in the case. Mrs. L. G. Cousins and Editor Jas. W. Poe served as Secretaries of the meeting. With the exception noted, the meeting was harmonious. William Miller and William Saunders are said to be on Floyd Ross' bond jointly for $1,000. When the case is called next Tuesday he must appear or his bond will be forfeited. There are other charges ready to be formulated should he return, so it is said, although his friends here hope that he may come back to Richmond to face them and to justify the faith that they have in him. Mrs. Floyd Ross, a most estimable lady, left Friday, 4th inst., for Lewisburg, West Virginia.

SALARY OF THE GRAND WORTHY MASTER

The salary of the Grand Worthy Master has been $150.00 per month until quite recently, when a slight horizontal reduction in all salaries was made to aid the Order in "getting on its feet" again.

During the administration of Rev. Wm. L. Taylor, the salary was four hundred and sixteen dollars, sixty-six and two-thirds cents. This was during the "palmy days" of the organization.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY GALILEE FISHERMEN

Special to The New York Age.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 26.—The Fishermen of Galilee, at its recent annual session here, elected the following officers:

E. E. Holland, New York, grand master; W. H. arrett, Baltimore, deputy grand master; Mrs. Nettie Cain, Baltimore, grand associate matron; Alberta Turner, New York, grand treasurer; A. B. Daes, New York, grand financial secretary; Lottie Prattis, New York, grand financial secretary; Chas. Gibson, grand protector; Clicord Allgue, grand chaplain; Alfred Nixon, Baltimore, grand marshal; Madeline Moyer, Brooklyn, N. Y., grand conductress; Virginia Gooch, Washington, grand right supporter to grand master; Octavia Parker, Baltimore, grand left porter to grand master; Annie Hammond, Baltimore, grand right supporter to associate sister; Fannie Robinson, Brooklyn, N. Y., grand left supporter to grand associate sister; John Randall, Virginia, grand inner guard; William Norwood, Brooklyn, grand outer guard.

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NEGROES PLAN TO MAKE FIGHT ON IGNORANCE

Colored Odd Fellows and House of Ruth Hear Talks on Value of Organization to Any Race.

Officers Are Elected and Work Is Mapped Out; Efforts Being Made to Improve Conditions.

"The biggest drawback to any individual race is ignorance," declared Prof. H. G. Goree, district grand master, in making his annual address before the District Grand Lodge No. 25, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in the third day's session, Thursday morning, in the Auditorium.

This was the day for annual addresses and reports of grand officers in the district grand lodge and district Household of Ruth, and they were attentively listened to by the large crowd of men and women.

Grand Secretary G. W. Jackson read the journal, following prayer by Rev. Joseph Wilson. Editor W. E. King of the Dallas Express and editor of the Odd Fellows Budget, was presented and made a short talk. King is the leading negro editor in the state and has through his conservative writings made many friends among the white people.

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Discusses Many Things.

The gavel was turned over to L. W. Tucker of San Antonio, deputy grand master, who presided during the delivery of the grand master's annual address. Professor Goree took up every phase of the work during the past year and some phases of the negro question were touched by the speaker: He said:

"We must no longer look upon our order in a selfish and narrow mood, but consider it as one of the great agencies that is wisely working out the destiny of all our people in this

country.

"We must not let any opportunity slip that could be used for the advancement of the American negro.

"We should be interested in all that concerns our white neighbors, and lend a helping hand when needed. The white man and the negro alike in this country must work to make the state better. There must at all times be a friendly relation between the races at all times.

"One of the greatest needs of the negro race is manhood and Grand United Order of Odd Fellowship is another name for negro manhood. Now we must get the true meaning of manhood, and so learn that impudence is not manhood. We show to the world our ability to do business. A splendid opportunity for this is furnished through our endowment department."

At this point the grand master spoke of the thousands of dollars that had been handled by the department, also the money paid for sick benefits. He showed that during the past year 1652 new members had been added to the order.

He spoke of some lawsuits which had been brought against the grand lodge on account of disputed claims.

Reference was made to the men who had died during the year.

There were a number of short addresses made commending the address. Among the speakers were B. Y. Aycock, J. H. Riddle, Prof. A. J. Kirk of Waco, G. S. Meadows of Commerce.

There was a large amount of business transacted during the morning session.

Reports of officers claimed the attention this afternoon.

Household of Ruth Session.

The Household of Ruth opened the third day's session Thursday morning by singing the ode and prayer by Mrs. B. M. Crawford.

The roll was called and journal read by Mrs. G. C. Housto grand worthy recorder.

After appointing several committees the gavel was turned over to Mrs. A. B. Hedrick, district right noble governess, who presided during the delivery of the annual address of Dr. David Abner, Jr. He took up the work of women in the order, telling of the help they have been to the order. He reviewed the work of the past 12 months and at the conclusion of his address the rule was suspended and Dr. Abner was elected for another two years, also elected as a delegate to the B. M. C.'s, which meets in Boston next month. Mrs. A. B. Hedrick was elected a delegate to represent the district household in Boston.

A telegram was read from the mayor of Belton, Texas, inviting the grand lodge and grand household to meet next August in Belton.

A banquet and reception will be given by the local lodges and citizens tonight.

NEGRO QUESTION IS DEBATED BY ELKS

Southern Delegates Protest Against Being Penalized For the Negro Population of the Southern States

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DENVER, COLO., July 15.—The Grand Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in Golden Jubilee session here with the annual national re-union of the order, completed most of its work today and a final session will be held tomorrow.

The Grand Lodge decided to recognize the State re-union of Associations of Elks; refused to provide for publication of a National Elks journal, and condemned the use of the National anthem for advertising purposes.

Southern delegates protested against being penalized for the negro population of Southern cities. The Grand Lodge rescinded its action of a year ago and reinstituted 5,000 population as a requisite for a lodge dispensation, stipulating, however, "five thousand white" population. The subject will come up again tomorrow.

United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten Meet in Keokuk, Iowa.

GET OFFICIAL WELCOME

At Public Meeting Mayor Extends Greetings as Do Various Fraternal Bodies

Keokuk, Ia., Aug. 18.—The second day of the convention of the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, opened with meetings of both of these lodges in their respective halls. The United Brothers are meeting in the court room of the Lee County court house, and the Mysterious Sisters are holding their sessions in Woodman hall. Today marked the opening sessions of both of these lodges. Dr. J. T. Caston, grand master, and Princess Ida L. Garnett, presided at the meetings.

The first public meeting was held at 2:30 o'clock. This meeting was open to everyone, and was addressed by various speakers, who expressed their pleasure at being able to welcome the grand lodges to Keokuk. The speakers represented the various commercial and fraternal orders of the city, both white and colored.

There are something like one thousand delegates in Keokuk for this convention. They have taken the city by storm. Through the efforts of various committees, arrangements for caring for the delegates have been made, and visitors to Keokuk this week will be royally entertained.

All of the delegates are wearing their various official insignia, and the badges present a fine appearance with their various designs and legends in gold on velvet backgrounds.

Last night in Woodmen hall the delegates and their friends were entertained with a fine musical program which was prepared by local talent. It included a good program of both vocal and instrumental music, and several readings. The big feature of the sessions tomorrow will be the trip over the power house and dam. This trip will be taken under the supervision of the power company's officials and guides, and will be one of the very interesting features of the week's sessions.

Meetings This Morning.

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At 2:30 this afternoon a joint session of all the lodges was held, the meeting being open to the public, when those in attendance at the convention were welcomed to the city by speakers representing various fraternal and commercial organizations. Responses were made by the grand master and other officers of the organization.

One of the chief addresses of the afternoon was that made by Mayor S. W. Moorhead who extended to the visitors a hearty welcome on behalf of the city.

ORDER OF GOOD HOPE INSTALLS GRAND OFFICERS

The Ohio American

The officers of the Grand Council of Good Hope were installed with impressive services at Good Hope Hall Thanksgiving afternoon. Representatives from a number of the county lodges were in attendance.

A feature of the exercises was the presentation of a handsome silk umbrella and a suit case to William G. Price, who is just entering upon his twelfth successive year as grand master. The vice granddaughter, Mrs. Octavia Parker, made the presentation address. Deputy Grand Master W. R. Wheatley and Grand Secretary Alfred Nixon were also remembered with silk umbrellas, Miss Lucy Gross and Mrs. Annie Kane Scott making the respective presentation addresses.

It was reported that the mortgage on the hall has been reduced to $ 1,000, that the various lodges have nearly $27,000 in bank and the order has over 3,000 members in the city and the counties.

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Reports Large Gains.

Grand Chancelor Anderson, in his annual address to the Grand Lodge Tuesday afternoon, reported a total membership in the state of 4,600, a gain of nearly 1,000 during the last year. Sixty-seven lodges of the state are representel by 175 delegates. Immediately following the Grand Chancelor's address, the past chancelor degree was conferred on 32 candidates.

The Grand Court of Salanthe has 52 lodges and a representation of more than 100 delegates here. The Grand Worthy Counselor reports a total membership in the state of 1,447, a gain of 200 during the last year.

Street Parade Thursday.

The climax of the meeting of the Grand Lodge will come Thursday afternoon with the street parade of nearly a dozen companies of uniformed rank, followed by competitive drills of the uniformed rank and Court of Calanthe companies in the Terminal building. The colored Knigths of Pythias promise to put up a good show.

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Entertainment in Hall.

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Our societies steer clear of politics, except such politics as are peculiar to the institution. Our politics are strictly within secret order latitude, and do not anticipate political preferment. Negro secret orders do not teach their members not to work for white folk, but seek to impress them with the dignity of honest labor and the disgrace of all kinds of idleness. We teach no color line in rendering service; we teach the development of a dependable, trustworthy, reliable service and servant class. Our principles teach an honest day's service for an honest dollar, and we make it obligatory upon our members to keep employed. We teach them that there is no place in the economy of Negro fraternities for idlers and loafers, and if our white neighbors will take time to observe, they will find the members of Negro secret orders the most indsutrious and law-abiding class of Negroes in every community. They are the working men and women, the property holders, the voters and good citizens, and not the criminals.

In Georgia we have all told more than thirty fraternal or secret orders and a membership of 150,000, distributed as follows: G. U. O. O. F., 60,000; Knights of Pythias, 27,000; Supreme Circle, 16,000; Masons, 10,000; I. B. O., 6,000, all others, 31,000.

The Standard.

Of the several organizations, all of which in a way are doing the best they can to develop a useful and helpful citizenship among Negroes, the

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Interest on loans and rents, $25,000.

Miscellaneous, $40,000.

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The capital or reserve is invested in improved real estate, bonds and stocks.

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Purchase money notes, real estate, improved and unimproved, in and outside of Atlanta, exclusive of the Odd Fellows' block, $50,000.

Market Value of Property.

Odd Fellows' black, $400,000.

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Miscellaneous, $50,000.

Total, $600,000.

This institution is the standard and argues well the possibilities of the Negro as a citizen and as a property gatherer. Each of the other institutions in Georgia are taking inspiration from their Odd Fellow brethren and are working industriously to make as good showing for their institutions, using the Odd Fellow as the standard.

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Thirty-Third Annual Convention of District Grand Lodge No. 9, and Eden Household of Ruth No. 18, Opens Session Tuesday Morning.

By Luna M. Scott.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 7.—Five hundred or more delegates are attending the 33rd annual convention of the District Grand Lodge No. 9, and Eden Household of Ruth No. 18, which convened here from Aug. 4 to 6, at the Juneau hall of the Auditorium. Tuesday morning, at the opening session, a letter of welcome by Mayor Bading was read, and T. Webster Brown gave the response. Wm. Geo. Bruce, secretary of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, addressed the audience on the advancement of the race. Remarks were made by L. H. Palmer, and T. D. Jackson, chairman of committee on arrangements. The afternoon session was devoted to the reports of the Dist. Grand Officers. The report of the D. M. N. G., Mrs. Emma J. Caldwell, of Chicago, showed an increase financially and numerically. In the evening a musical program was rendered, two vocal numbers by Walter Revells, flute solo by Dr. A. L. Herron, recitation, Paul L. Dunbar's "An Ode to Ethiopia," by Lydia Scott, of Chicago; brief remarks by Mr. Glover of Chicago, in which he urged members of the race to acquire property, commercial enterprises and education, in order to be able to compete in the world among men was heartily applauded; a paper by Miss Clotee E. Scott, of Chicago, setting forth what Afro-American Womanhood has contributed to modern civilization was also well received. At Wednesday morning's session routine business was transacted and a sight-seeing party toured the city in the afternoon, and the Lodge of Sorrow held services at St. Mark's A. M. E. Church in the evening.

A business session was held Thursday morning and the delegates visited Pabst Park in the afternoon. In the evening there was a public installation of officers in charge of Grand Master E. H. Morris, followed by the annual promenade and band concert by the famous 12th Regiment band of patriarchs of Chicago.

35TH ANNUAL SESSION, UNITED ORDER S. & D. of F. T. E.

The United Order Sons and Daughters of Four and Twenty Elders held their 35th annual session in the Second Baptist Church of South Richmond, June 2nd and 3rd, W. G. Chief A. H. Hunter, Presiding. There was a large delegation from all parts of the State. The visitors were welcomed by Deacon Alexander in behalf of the church. Response by Lawyer J. T. Hewin. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to business.

The first day's session closed with public meeting at which time the following program was rendered: Song, congregation; devotional exercises; chorus, Jenkins' Choir; recitation, Miss Ellen Parker; recitation, Miss Smith, of Fulton; solo, Miss Estelle Jasey; recitation, Mrs. Ellen Brown; song, Jenkins' Quartette. After collection an excellent address was delivered by Mrs. Emma V. Kelly, of Norfolk, Va. Meeting closed with benediction. Charles Mc Claiborne, master of ceremonies.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Grand Chief A. H. Hunter, during which time much business was transacted for the good of the order the morning session adjourned at twelve o'clock to re-assemble at two P. M.

At the evening session reports of all committees were received. The Grand Lodge then elected the following officers: A. H. Hunter, Grand Chief, Richmond, Va.; G. H. Young, Vice Chief, Portsmouth, Va.; Mary E. Claiborne, Grand Secretary, Richmond, Va.; Charles Mc Claiborne, Grand Treasurer, Richmond, Va.; S. H. Clayton, Grand Deputy, Norfolk; J. T. Hewin, Grand Legal Adviser, Richmond, Va.; John Smith, Grand Chaplain, Portsmouth, Va.

After installation of officers memorial exercises for the dead were held. The lodge joined in singing. "The day is past and gone". Refreshments served Grand lodge adjourned to meet in Gilmerton, Va., June of 1915. Benediction by G. R. Bishop, District Deputy of Portsmouth, Va.

FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PATRICHAR, U. O. of O. F.

The fourteenth anniversary of Patrichar, U. O. of O. F., was held Sunday, June 14th, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Sermon by Rev. J. R. Lingback.

Capt. J. W. Smith was in command of the Company. Master of ceremony, Mayor W. B. F. Crowell. One of the greatest sermons was enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. Giles Booth has opened up a first-class Ice Cream Parlor, at 514 Gainsboro Ave. Light lunches, soft drinks on hand. Your patronage is solicited.

Little Alvista Ratton had a serious accident Friday, when she fell and broke her arm.

Mrs. Hallie Brown is convalescing under the treatment of Dr. George E. Moore.

Mrs. Dr. George E. Moore is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. John Howard left Wednesday night for home in Richmond, where he called to attend the funeral of his Brother-in-law, Dr. Ira Nash.

Mr. Howlett, Jones, of Danville, Va., was in the city this week. He was looking well and reported conditions prosperous in his city.

Ancient Order of Odd Fellows

Some Facts About Them

They are the mother of all Odd Fellows. Six thousand years old. The first on earth. Knows no color nor race. Everybody's friend and protector. Pays thirty-five cents a month endowment dues, and gives $200 endowment on our matured policies. We are here to stay. Come in and join us while the dispensation is down at $2.35. We make you welcome. Alabama will go with the Ancient Order of Odd Fellows. Our Motto: Honesty and fair play to all men, rich and poor alike. With this we will take all Alabama. Our District Grand Lodge meets in Montgomery, Ala., August 24, 25, 26, 1914.

The District Grand Household of Ruth of the Ancient Order of Oll Fellows pays $210 at death on their matured policies. They are out of debt and like the brothers, have money in the bank. Come and join us.

Officers: W. T. Breeding, Grand Master; R. A. Ross, End. Sec.; Mrs. Malinda Streety, District Most Noble Governor; Mrs. Magnolia L. Peoples, End. Sec.; Montgomery, Ala. tf.

General Masonic Congress in Session.

The General Masonic Congress of the United States and Canada convened here last week, opening on the 17th. W. T. M. Grant, of New Orleans, presided. Grand Master H. C. Scott, president of the colored branch of the Masonic Federation, named as a committee on arrangements, the masters and secretaries of the subordinate local lodges, with Sir Knight Miles Sanders as the chairman; C. E. W. Brown, assistant; D. F. Seville, P. G. M., secretary; George Washington, assistant; John S. Brent, treasurer. Dr. B. R. Sydnor, Daniel Williams and N. F. Henry. On the committee, representing the Daughters of the Sphynx for the District, was Mrs. R. E. Brent, grand secretary, with Mrs. Alta Oram, Mrs. Clara U. Ray and Mrs. Eunice Williams, adoptive rite. The sessions were: Thursday, for symbolic Masonry; Friday, for the general grand chapter, R. A. M. and K. T.; Saturday, for the Mystic Shrine and Red Cross of Constantine; Sunday, devotional service; Monday, the Supreme Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, followed by a banquet to the delegates. A session was held for the first to thirty-third degree A. A. Scottish Rite, concluding on Tuesday with a street parade, picnic and general love-feast.

ANCIENT UNITED KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF AFRICA.

Hold Eighth Annual Session at Institutional Church—Large Number of Delegates Present.

This is a society organized by Wm. H. Fields of St. Louis, Mo., about eight years ago. Its cardinal principles are for the uplift of the race and reciprocity among its members. The peculiar feature of this order is "That all National work is done in public." Executive sessions are held by the officers. Mr. Field is the originator and national grand master. He is in the real estate business in St. Louis, Mo. Among the other prominent members attending this, their eighth annual session, are Dr. G. M. Caltwell, E. Patello, Prof. J. A. Freeman, principal of Wheatley School, St. Louis; Edw. Owens, assistant postmaster Duquoin, Ill.; Prof. J. C. Lewis of Cairo, Dr. S. D. Davis, Mrs. Etta Jackson, Carbondale, Ill.; Mrs. Ada Harris and Mrs. Ida C. Johnson and Miss Willetta Hyde of St. Louis, Mo.

Has 6,000 Members.

This society convened in Institutional church, Monday, August 31. All of the sessions (except executive) are public. The national session closed September 3. During the week they held a public reception and balls at Masonic hall, 3858 Wabash avenue, and at Institutional church. The grand recorder reported fifteen states represented; 6,000 members; money on deposit in bank, $12,500, and having paid $17,525 in death claims. The national headquarters of this order is 2804 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo., where they claim a structure of 35 offices, auditorium, rest room, dining hall and reception parlors. If what the officers claim for the order is true, it surely is a wonderful product of Africa.

LIBERTY AND PROTECTION OBJECT OF SECRET ORDER

Knights and Daughters of Tabor Outcome of Knights of Liberty Still Carry Out Ideas of Founder—Organized in St. Louis in 1865 for Protection of Slaves.

"WE CANDIE," WAS MOTTO.

Los Angeles Delegates to Recent Session of Order at Fort Smith Tell of its Wonderful Growth—Flourishes in 22 States with Membership of 300,000.

By Eloise Bibb Thompson.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 4.—The twenty-seventh annual grand session of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was held recently in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, over 1,500 delegates being present. There are four branches of this order in Los Angeles, three female and one male, named respectively: Tabernacles Pacific Coast, New Beulah, Star of Bethlehem and Bright Light temple.

William B. Rich, international deputy of the order for the past twenty-five years, was sent from Los Angeles to the convention in Ft. Smith and brought back the following report to the Los Angeles branches:

The mayor of Ft. Smith heartily welcomed us to the city and congratulated us on the work that we were accomplishing especially in the state of Arkansas. He touched on the progress of the race during its years of freedom and contrasted the condition of the Afro-American people in Ft. Smith at the present time with that of three decades ago.

People's Progress Cited.

"Thirty years ago," said Mayor Read, "the Afro-Americans of Ft. Smith had to take up collections or mortgage their homes to bury their dead, but since the organization of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor with its large burial fund all such trouble has been eliminated; for any undertaker, white or black, will set to work at once to make arrangements for the burial of any member of this splendid organization. A response to the address of Mayor Read was given by Dr. N. H. Lockhart, a prominent physician of Ft. Smith.

Then followed the annual sermon eloquently preached by the Rev. W. S. Cornwell, an eminent member of the order, who, after giving a brief history of the organization, closed with an exhortation to follow in the path that had brought them to success, "for," said the speaker, "this order meets the wants and necessities of the Afro-American people. It encourages Christianity, education, morality and temperance; it aims to inculcate a high ideal of manhood and

womanhood; it recommends to its members the getting of homes and the acquiring of wealth; it teaches the greatness, goodness and mercy of God, and man's responsibility to the Supreme Being."

Collections Total $88,774.

A report of the work accomplished in both Arkansas and California was read, which among other things, revealed the fact that there are 34,052 members in the various branches of those two states, and that $88,774.05 was collected during the past year. Following are the names of the grand officers elected for the ensuing year:

Scipio A. Jordan, chief grand mentor, Little Rock, Ark.; D. P. L. Jordan, vice grand mentor, Berkeley, Ark.; John Hammond, chief grand scribe, Little Rock, Ark.; George H. Evans, endowment secretary, Scott, Ark.; Professor V. T. Vinegar, burial fund treasurer, Pine Bluff, Ark.; William B. Rich, international grand organizer, Los Angeles; Mrs. Frankie Standsback, chief grand priestess, Forest City, Ark.; Miss Lula B. West, chief grand recorder, Fort Smith, Ark.; Mrs. H. E. Carolina, secretary of burial fund, Little Rock, Ark.

Order Founded in 1871.

The order of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was founded in St. Louis, Mo., in 1871, by Moses Dickson, who was born in Ohio. Various branches of the order are now found in twenty-two different states of the country, with a membership of 300,000. Its purposes are purely beneficial. Being the outcome of an organization known as the Knights of Liberty established in 1865—an association whose aim was the abolition of slavery, the motto being "We can die, but we can never reveal the name of a member, or make known the organization and its objects" the Knights of Tabor necessarily received its element of secrecy.

At the close of the Civil war the Knights of Liberty were disbanded and the order of the Knights of Tabor founded seven years later to perpetuate the memory of the Knights of Liberty. The branch organization in Arkansas has erected a Taborian home on the outskirts of the city of Little Rock—a sheltering place for the orphans, the infirm and the destitute members of the order. The Taborian home, a structure containing sixteen rooms, is situated in an 180-acre field, 115 acres of which is under cultivation. Plans are being formulated by the Arkansas branches of the order for the erection in the early part of January, 1915, of a $100,000 building to be used as the headquarters for the organization.

The names of the presiding officers of the various temples and tabernacles of Los Angeles are:

I. M. Payne, chief mentor, Bright Light temple; Mrs. M. Dogens, chief priestess, Pacific Coast tabernacle; Mrs. Carrie Graves, chief priestess, New Beulah tabernacle; Mrs. Rhoda Daniels, chief priestess, Star of Bethlehem tabernacle. The four branch orders of Los Angeles had their annual sermon preached recently at the A. M. E. Zion church, Pico and Paloma streets, by the Rev. William Byers, at which time a goodly sum was taken up in collection, the greater portion of which was donated to the local orphans of deceased members.

G. U. O. OF ABRAHAM

Issued on the Assessment Plan.

Home Office: Rockingham, N. C.

This is one of the very best societies of colored people in existence. It is a society and mutual insurance company combined, and one of the cheapest mutual policies that a man or woman can join. It helps the sick buries the dead and pays for benefits in case of death, sickness, temporary or permanent disability, either as a result of disease, accident or old age; and is organized for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries and not for profit.

Section 2. This Order also pays to its members one-fourth of the face value of their policy after 15 years, and leaves something for the widow and orphans of deceased member.

Widow.

Section 3. This Society not only pays to the legal representative of a deceased member the endowment of $100.00, according to the limit of time of membership or degree, but gives to the widow and orphans each year a pension as long as they are in good standing.

Orphans Kept in School.

Section 4. This Society also sees that each orphan child, whose father dies financially in order, shall be kept in some school, providing the child is under sixteen years of age.

Section 5. Women and men may all join the lodge together; ages from 16 to 60 years.

Section 6. This Society was organized by N. S. Gillespie, Dr. C. A. Eaton, M.D., James M. Gavin and others, September 29, 1913, at St. Pauls, N. C., and now has moved its home office to Rockingham, N. C.

Section 7. This order is non-sectarian and does not allow religious discussions. Any one that is a Christian should be a member. The whole order is on a religious basis. Just think of whom it takes its name from; then think of its glorious platform. The Grand United Order of Abraham, that good old shepherd, whom God selected to offer his only son, Isaac, up as a burnt offering to our God on the Hill, Mariah. No true Christian can fairly refuse this Order under its great name—Grand United Order of Abraham, but will rally to the cause, and place a Lodge wherever man or woman can be found in North Carolina.

Chartered.

Section 8. This Order was chartered at Raleigh, N. C., September 16, 1913, and approved and filed in the office of the Hon. James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, September 15, 1913. Passed by act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, March, 1913, and recorded on Page 379, etc., Deputy Clerk Superior Court of Richmond County, North Carolina, May 20, 1914.

Section 9. See the great protection for its members. When one has a wife or children to lay sick and at last to die, and leaves them dependent with nothing to go upon, and many times heavy debts hanging over them, which must be paid, great or small however the debt may be, should he or she be a member of this grand old Order, carrying a mutual insurance policy for $100.00, they will feel no fear.

Section 10. In this Society you have the attention of members when sick, get a decent burial and your legal representative receives not less than $50.00 after your death and not over $100.00, for the small sum of 25 cents per month to the Home Office, and a quarterly tax of 10 cents and a semi-annual tax of 25 cents.

Section 11. And, with joining fees $2.50 in club, and $5.00 after a Lodge is chartered, and not less than $1.50 per week for sickness.

Every man and woman that is looking forward to the future or care anything for themselves, family or race, should think of this: Thousands of men and women lie down and die, and do not leave one cent for their families to go upon.

Mothers, appeal to your husbands and sons, Fathers, appeal to your wife and daughters to become a member, for the family's benefit.

Section 13. This Society should be located in every town and city in North Carolina, and among the best people, for the bad are not wanted and cannot become members according to the laws of this Order. This is a first-class society, and is second to none.

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UPLIFT OF RACE DISCUSSED

United Odd Fellows Devoted Thursday to Addresses.

Grand Master H. G. Goree Said Negroes Need Manhood and Should Maintain Friendly Relation With White People.

Annual addresses and reports of grand officers occupied a greater part of the time Thursday, the third day of the sessions of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth, now being held in Houston. The meeting will close Friday.

Without exception the reports showed much improvement over last year's work, which occasioned much gratification on the part of officers and delegates.

After prayer had been offered by Rev. Joseph Wilson and the journal had been read by Grand Secretary G. W. Jackson, Editor W. F. King of the Dallas Express was introduced and made a short talk. At the conclusion of his remarks the gavel was turned over to L. W. Tucker of San Antonio, deputy grand master, who presided during the delivery of the annual address of Grand Master H. G. Goree.

"Ignorance is the greatest drawback to any individual or race," declared Prof. Goree. "We must not let any opportunity pass that could be used for the advancement of the American negro.

Greatest Needs of Race.

"One of the greatest needs of the negro race is manhood, and the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is another name for negro manhood. Now we must get the true meaning of manhood, and so learn that impudence is not manhood. We show to the world our ability to do business. A splendid opportunity for this is furnished in our endowment department.

"We should no longer look upon our order in a selfish and narrow mood, but consider it as one of the great agencies that is wisely working out the destiny of all our people in this country."

Referring to the white race, Prof. Goree said:

"We should be interested in all that concerns our white neighbors, and lend a helping hand when needed. The white man and the negro alike in this country must work to make the state better. There must at all times be a friendly relation between the races."

Reference was made by the grand master to the thousands of dollars that have been handled by the endowment of the order; also the money paid in sick benefits.

It was shown that during the past year 1652 new members had been added to the ranks of colored Odd Fellows.

Rev. Charles Stewart of Chicago delivered an interesting address. Charles F. Smith also spoke on the matter of patronizing the white newspapers that publish the doings of the colored race. Among others making short addresses were B. Y. Aycock, J. H. Riddle, Prof. A. J. Kirk of Waco and G. S. Meadows of Commerce.

Belton Invited Convention.

The mayor of the city of Belton sent a telegram which was read at the convention Thursday inviting the district grand lodge to hold its next session in that city.

A banquet reported as an elaborate affair was held Thursday night.

The Household of Ruth opened the third day's session Thursday morning by singing the ode and prayer by Mrs. B. M. Crawford. The roll was called and the journal read by Mrs. G. C. Houston, grand worthy recorder.

Mrs. A. B. Hedrick, district right noble governess, presided during the delivery of the annual address of Dr. David Abner, Jr. Taking up the work of the women in the order, Dr. Abner told of the help they were giving the officers and others in directing the affairs of the organization.

At the conclusion of Dr. Abner's address, during which he reviewed the work of the past year, the rule was suspended and he was elected for another term of two years. He was also chosen as a delegate to the B. M. C.s, which meets in Boston next month. Mrs. A. B. Hedrick was chosen to represent the district Household at the Boston meeting.

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NEGRO LODGE TEMPLE PLANNED FOR HOUSTON

G. U. O. of B. and S. of L. and C. Will Erect $20,000 Building With Roof Garden.

At the recent session in Cuero, Texas, of the Texas State grand lodge of the Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity, colored, it was decided to erect a temple for the order at Houston to cost $20,000, exclusive of the price of the grounds, already purchased. The building will be located on the north side, will cover a ground area of 50 by 100 feet and will contain three stories and a roof garden.

Returning members of the Houston delegation to the grand session report the election of officers for the Texas grand lodge as follows:

L. H. Simpson of Houston, grand worshipful sovereign; J. W. Pendleton, grand vice sovereign; M. C. Hickey, grand secretary; D. W. Walf, grand treasurer; Mary Freeman, G. C.; C. A. Fealax, G. C.; J. Palmer, G. M.; Mrs. C. C. Edwards, messenger; A. B. Green, O. S.; E. V. Randall, I. S.; Rev. H. C. Johnson, grand chaplain; Dr. J. W. Dickerson, G. M. E.

The trustees are C. H. Cole, chairman; J. C. Hubard, secretary; I. S. Howard, Rev. G. A. Crutcher.

The Houston delegation left in a special car last Tuesday, arriving at Cuero at 4:45 o'clock that afternoon. They were met at the train by a committee. The session was held at the Macedonia Baptist church, where Rev. H. C. Johnson made the address of welcome. Mary V. Farthree read a paper. The response was made by Rev. N. T. Lane, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist church of Houston. The grand lodge was opened at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by Grand Worshipful Severeign L. H. Simpson. Rev. G. A. Crutcher made an address and H. C. Hickey made a financial report. Mrs. Anderson reported that $2683.60 had been raised during the year. A feature of the entertainment given by the Cuero people was a grand banquet.

Atlanta, Ga.—An injunction has been asked against the members of the Raban Temple Shriners by the white section of the order to prohibit the Colored Shriners from using the same symbols, terms and regalia as used by the white Shriners. There is a state law which bars Colored fraternal orders with names and works similar to white bodies. Masons and Odd Fellows are not affected by this law. The Rabban Temple is represented by counsel. The proceedings will be watched with interest by all Colored fraternal societies in the country.

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ELKS' BIG CONVENTION CLOSES IN GREAT SPLENDOR

Fifteenth Annual Session of Colored Antlers Was Crowned With Many Pleasing Events at Norfolk

MEETING AT CHICAGO NEXT YEAR

Visitors and Delegates to Big Fraternal Gathering in Southern Queen City Return Home Loud in Their Fraise of Hospitality Shown by Colored and White Citizens in Old Dominion State.

The Amsterdam News

Special to Amsterdam News.

Norfolk, Sept. 12. The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Improved Benevolent Order of Colored Elks closed here with a magnificent ball and reception following the parade Friday afternoon.

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The hall was elaborately decorated with flags and bunting. Dancing was not confined to the old fashioned waltz and two-step, for several experts in the tango, maxixe and the one-step displayed their skill.

It is true that the session was the most successful in the history of the order. The parade had its usual novel features, and artistically dressed adherents numbering in the thousands in line with fifteen bands of music pealing forth the latest selections and the footsteps of the Antler's responding like five-year-olds parading through the main streets of Virginia's queen city.

Chief of Police, C. G. Keyser, and his able aides, had cleared the way, and the march proceeded without interruption for three hours and a half. Representatives were from all over America. Not only had the streets been specially cleared for the occasion, but the city council had provided elaborate decorations. The thousands of people along the line of march applauded, white and colored alike, particularly the aristocratic Virginia Club.

The Excelsior Band of Norfolk sent thrilling notes ahead of the line, while lodges followed from various cities, headed by their own bands, particularly that of Baltimore and Atlantic City, traversing the popular streets, making memorable "Elkdom" in the historic State of Virginia. Indeed, let it be said to the credit of the Queen City of Virginia that she opened her arms to all visitors, whether assembled in conventions or single life. The city of Norfolk has acquitted herself in a magnificent way. The conspicuous absence of prejudices was the surprise to all Elkdom and will be for others following. Elkdom has shown forth in all her glory. A beautiful city with added attractions; streets voluminously decorated in honor of the colored Elks of the world.

The Grand Lodge Session of the I. B. P. O. E. formally opened Sunday in the First Baptist Church, Bute St., where pastor and congregation welcomed delegates and friends, and appropriate exercises were gone through. From then until the close on Friday evening there was nothing to it but the characteristic features of Elkdom. Joy was unconfined, and it is only those understanding the principles of Elkdom who could appreciate.

A vast throng of celebrities representing every nook and corner of the globe were present with the ever readiness to proclaim those virtues for which Elkdom stand.

The session was called to order at Tent's Hall Monday morning, with Grand Exalted Ruler T. G. Nutter presiding; the preliminaries were gone through, followed by a moonlight ride around the capes on the steamer Smithfield.

Convention again convened at Tent's Hall Wednesday morning with G. E. R. T. G. Nutter presiding, and whose report of the doings of the year were marvelous in point of rendition, in truth, in facts and in figures, accomplishments, which enlisted the applause of the entire delegation.

The most remarkable strides of Elkdom are evidenced when one listens to the statements of the most remarkable staff of officers colored Elkdom ever had.

Among the giants of Elkdom on the platform were P. G. E. Rulers William E. Atkins, H. H. Pace, J. Frank Wheaton, George E. Bates and Dr. J. E. Mills, Eureka quartette, of Norfolk, Va., offered original songs appropriate for the occasion and retired amidst voluminous applause. The regular order of business followed, inspired by benevolence and brotherhood in its truest sense. The reports of the Grand Officers revealed the remarkable growth of about 18,000 members—indeed it is a banner year in Elkdom and an awakening in the order.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's report showed that even the memorial services were more largely attended than in previous years, and that union and concord prevailed throughout the order.

O. V. Catto lodge of Philadelphia leads in point of real estate—wealth $20,000. The order's belongings elsewhere amounts to about $63,000; Pennsylvania leading also in number of lodges, 21, as well as having the wealthiest of lodges of the order.

It is proposed to have state reunions once a year to disseminate the good fellowship of Elkdom. The idea it is believed will be acceptable to the rank and file of members. It is one of the recommendations of Grand Exalted Ruler Nutter's. Among the many timely suggestions that pave the way for a great future to the colored Elks of America, the combined recommendations of the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary Geo. E. Bates, together with their report of the most successful and stupendous year in the history of the order, not omitting that of the Grand Treas-

The reports showed he had done great work for the order by adding new Chapters and resurrecting old ones.

Following are the officers elected:

C. A. Long, Kansas City, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Brown, Lawrence, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Dr. C. E. Lett, Emporia, Grand King.

A. J. Bishop, Kansas City, Grand Scribe.

F. M. Stonestreet, Topeka, Grand Treasurer.

B. F. Payne, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

John T. Chinneth, of Wichita, presided over the Grand Commandery. His work also showed the plumed knights were still progressing, as was shown by reports from subordinates Commanderies.

Mr. Richard Hightower of Topeka, was elected Eminent Grand Commander, a wise selection.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge,

On Wednesday morning Grand Master E. J. Hawkins called the craft to order. All of the Grand Officers answered. Over seventy-five subordinate lodges were repreesented.

Address of welcome on behalf of representative of the mayor; business men, Rev. S. A. Williams,; on behalf of local lodge, M. R. Dismukes; responses, Dr. J. G. N. Soanes and Prof. J. P King. The city was turned over to the craft to enjoy themselves and be at home with the good citizens of Pittsburg.

Grand Master Hawkins was congratulated by representatives on all sides on his recovery from typhoid fever. His presence was an agreeable surprise to many for he was a very sick man, and all were delighted to have him on hand to preside. His official acts and recommendations were endorsed and put into law.

More than five thousand dollars was raised during the past year and all claims have been paid. So well pleased were the representatives over the good work being done by the Grand Master that he was re-elected for the third time by acclamation. So great is their confidence in his ability to keep the craft afloat on the sea of success that they refused to sell the Masonic home, an 80-acre tract located in Leavenworth county near Tonganoxie.

A message came from Horton announcing the death of Mr. John B. Fleming of Justice Lodge No. 75 of Horton. He was also a past officer of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Resolution of condolence was passed and wired to the bereaved family together with a request that the remains be held until the Grand Lodge adjourned but it was impossible to grant the request. The Grand Master then ordered Deputy Grand Master Peak, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 5, Topeka and Master Mason Howard to proceed to Horton at once and assist in conducting the remains to the last resting place. A beautiful wreath of flowers in which was woven an emblem of Masonry was ordered and sent as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the craft. Mr. Fleming never missed a session of the Grand Lodge and was always sought to harmonize and adjust difficult matters. He never made an enemy and was loved by all.

Twenty-five dollars was voted out to the widow of the late C. H. Langston and twenty-five dollars each to eight blind Masons.

The High school glee club entertained the visitors with a fine program and Bethel A. M. E. choir.

At high twelve, a grand street parade headed by Payne's Military band of Pittsburg followed by Grand Lodge members and officers. Owing to heavy rains, the park was abandoned and the Grand Lodge officers rode in autos.

All of the officers were re-elected by acclamation except Fred Stone, who declined re-election for Grand Secretary. Following are the officers:

Grand Master E. J. Hawkins, Ft. Scott.

Deputy Grand Master Henry I. Monroe, Topeka.

Grand Senior Warden J. W. Pierce, Pittsburg.

Grand Junior Warden Jos. Fulton, Leavenworth.

Grand Treasurer A. D. Hine, Salina.

Grand Secretary J. M. Marquess, Kansas City, Kansas.

Appointed:

Grand Chaplain, S. N. Sydney, Emporia.

Sr. Grand Deacon, Fred Estes, Baxter Springs.

Junior Grand Deacon, E. P. Robinson, Parsons.

Senior Grand Steward, J. Morgan, Chetopa.

Junior Grand Steward, J. R. Ross; Iola.

Grand Marshall, A. Young; Fort Scott .

MASONS AT PITTSBURG!

Three Grand Bodies are Royally Entertained and Make a Fine Showing.

Three grand bodies of Masons met in Pittsburg last week, commencing on August 24th and closing on the the 30th.

The Topeka Plaindealer

Prince Hall Grand Chapter, R. A. M. and Prince Hall Grand Commandery, K. T., convened August 24th and August 25th respectively.

Wednesday Aug. 26th Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., convened with Golden Gate Lodge No. 66. The sessions were held in the City Hall.

The Grand Chapter was presided over by Grand High Priests C. A. Long, of Kansas City, Kas.

Grand Sword Bearer, Benj. Tillery, Seneca.

Grand Pursuivant, D. H. White, Kansas City.

Grand Tyler, W. C. Downing, Newton.

Grand Orator, J. P. King, Kansas City.

Standing Home Committee.

Dennis Jones, Leavenworth.
L. W. Stewart, Weir City.
J. H. Hudson, Chetopa

Grand Lecturer, C. H. M. Collins, Kansas City.

Wichita was selected as the next place of meeting. Everyone went home feeling in the best of spirits and declaring it to be the best grand session in the history of the order from every view point.

Our Grand Master

Prof. E. J. Hawkins, one of Kansas' most scholarly and brilliant Masons, was elected Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas for the third time, and he well deserves the same. Mr. Hawkins is one of the best executives that ever presided over that Grand Body. While he is impartial and conservative, yet he is firm and commnads the respect and esteem of the brethren. His business-like methods and honesty served as ample recommendation for his re-election. In appreciation of his excellent service the Grad Lodge voted to send him as their representative to Detroit, Mich., at the semi-centennial celebration of the Masons of that state. Prof. Hawkins is a graduate of the Kansas State Normal. He is an eloquent speaker, and this added to his ready wit, makes him popular with any audience.

Among the many good things that the Fort Scott Daily Tribune has to say of him is this: "Prof. E. J. Hawkins is not only highly respected in his own community but throughout the state and is destined to win a national reputation."

The thirty-ninth annual session of Prince Hall Grand Lodge was one of the most harmonious in the history of the organization.

TRUE REFORMER SITUATION.

Floyd Ross, Grand Worthy Master of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, has left Richmond under a cloud, so to speak. Scenes that knew him once now know him no more. His leaving is all the more impressive and realistic, when it is coupled with the fact that his residence here has been vacated and his family is now residing in another State. We admit that we are shocked to learn of these remarkable and unforeseen conditions. The past is ours. What about the future?

We have watched with interest the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Fountain. This body has selected a most estimable Christian gentleman to lead them. The withering effect of it all is the proviso, "without pay." This reminds us of the thread-bare story of the preacher in a country church, who when reminded by one of the ungodly that he had done some "d—n poor preaching" called attention to the collection basket for his benefit with just ten pennies for his part of the day's compensation and remarked, "D—n poor pay, d—n poor preach."

We do not mean to infer that this will be Rev. Dr. Morris' attitude, but we do mean to state that it will be morally impossible for him to give the attention and service that the position demands upon any such basis. We hope though that at some future meeting the mistake, as we regard it, will be remedied. We have heard many rumors about some of the present officials aspiring to the office of Grand Worthy Master. For our part, if they are efficient and can render the service, we can see no objection to such aspirations.

Both Dr. William H. Smith and Maurice Rouselle stand well with the rank and file of the Order and if the occasion should demand, the elevation of the one or the other should not be regarded in an antagonistic spirit. This is, of course, based upon the presumption that better and abler men cannot be obtained. We had not believed that the brilliant young pastor of the Third St. A. M. E. Church could be induced to accept the responsibility of the position. We only hope that his Bishop will grant him a furlough and permit his remarkable talents to be used in rehabilitating this Order of True Reformers.

He cannot do this, though, "without pay," any more than a horse can pull a load all day without feed. Still, after writing all of this we are wondering if it is any of our business. But these people are asking the help of the public and we in a measure represent the public. We believe too that the greatest publicity should be given to the condition of affairs inside of the Order and the actual amount of the alleged shortage of the Grand Worthy Master should be made known. Rev. Dr. A. S. Thomas was absolutely right in this matter.

The people want to know the facts. They want to know the full amount of the alleged shortage.

Grand Worthy Secretary Maurice Rouselle is willing to give these facts as far as his records will show them and he should be permitted to do this. In order to get the confidence of the public, the public must be taken into the Order's confidence. In the meantime, all efforts should be made to help the True Reformers until the full extent of the injury is known. From an endowment standpoint, the payment of death claims, the True Reformers are no worse off now than they were before Floyd Ross' disappearance.

A strong hand is needed at the helm and this strong hand cannot be obtained through "a without pay" channel. Grand Worthy Master S. S. Morris is able, resourceful and conscientious. Personally we would trust him with any amount of money, believing that he would faithfully discharge the duties assigned to him. With him or some other leader of his type and calibre, the success of the Order should be assured. The question as to whether Grand Worthy Master Floyd Ross has left Richmond never to return will be answered next Tuesday, when his case is called in the Police Court. With the record he left behind him, even should he and his friends make good the shortage, his usefulness as the head of the True Reformers is gone forever.

Never was an organization entitled to greater sympathy, never were a confiding people more to be pitied. They have trusted their leaders to the point of their own undoing. May God help them in this last calamity.

PYTHIAN BUILDING TO COST $120,000

(Special to the Chicago Defender.)

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 23.—The new Pythian building, which is being erected at a cost of $120,000, will be the most commodious of its kind in the country. The cornerstone laying will be Thanksgiving day. Pythians from all over the state will attend. A delegation from Chicago will attend the dedication early next year. It will be led by Major R. R. Jackson, a member the Illinois legislature.

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NEGRO PYTHIANS CLOSE SESSION

BY D. WELLINGTON BERRY.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., July 17.—(Special.)—The grand lodge colored Knights of Pythias closed their annual session here tonight, following the election of officers, which was the most spirited affair ever held in the history of the order.

J. H. Crawford, of Nashville, was re-elected grand chancellor for the fifteenth successive term. He was unopposed. The state of the administration was entirely carried out except in one instance when Dr. A. M. Townsend, of Nashville, was re-elected over Dr. C. O. Hunter, Columbia, for grand keeper of records and seals by the close margin of eleven.

J. C. Napier was elected grand attorney over B. F. Booth, of Memphis. There was much politics played in these two contests.

Following are the other officers elected: A. M. Stevens, grand vice-chancellor Jackson; J. H. Timble, Jackson, grand prelate; J. P. Brown, Memphis, grand master of exchequer; Jno. Sinclair, Knoxville, grand master of arms; W. A. Thompson, Chattanooga, grand medical register; J. H. Howard, Chattanooga, grand lecturer; A. L. Witty, Millington, grand marshal; A. P. Porter, Nashville, grand inner guard; John Lane, Halls, grand outer guard; W. H. Foster, Jellico, grand master of works; A. S. Pyles, Milan, grand trustee.

Mrs. Cora E. Burke, of Knoxville, was re-elected grand worthy counsellor of the Order of Calanthe, the selection having been without opposition. Mrs. Clemmie White, of Nashville, was also re-elected without opposition to the office of grand receiver of deposits, and Mrs. M. A. Turner, of Pulaski, was not opposed for the place she has held for several years, that of secretary of the endowment board. Other selections included N. N. Reynolds, of Pulaski, grand lecturer; Mrs. Kate Wilson, of Nashville, grand worthy matron; Mrs J. A. Lester, Nashville, grand orator, and Mattie E. Coleman, M. D., Nashville, as grand medical register. The last-named race was a contest between Dr. Coleman and Drs. G. W. Bugg, Nashville, and J. L. Light, Jackson, the former winning out with many votes to spare. It was the first time a woman has ever been elected to the position, which requires the holder to be a reputable and highly qualified physician. Mrs. Mary Miller, Nashville is the grand worthy inspector, and was re-elected one of the supreme representatives. A. W. W. Upshaw, of Nashville, was re-elected chairman of the trustee board.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged between the grand lodge and grand court, and committee reports consumed all of the forenoon in the grand lodge. The grand court finished its work and adjourned, many of the women delegates leaving for their homes in the afternoon.

EVANS IS ELECTED HEAD OF FISHERMEN.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 19.—At the recent session of the Supreme Council of [illegible] Galilean Fishermen, a revised constitution was adopted, Joseph [illegible], of Baltimore, elected head of the order, and plans were adopted looking toward the upbuilding of the order. [illegible] Gordon was re-elected grand high priest of the Most Excellent Encampment, the highest body in the order, and Mrs. Marietta Stewart, of Baltimore, was chosen most excellent queen of the Most Excellent Circle.

The Supreme Lodge elected the following officers: Joseph P. Evans, Baltimore, supreme ruler; Jacob Jarvis, Norfolk, deputy supreme ruler; Mary E. Fields, Philadelphia, supreme associate ruler; Mrs. Jennie B. Brown, Washington, supreme secretary; Mrs. Hattie Troy, Harrisburg, Pa., supreme recorder; Lelia Lightfoot, Virginia, supreme conductor; Charles E. Holmes, New York, supreme orator; J. Walter Grayson, Virginia, supreme chaplain; J. E. Norris, West virginia, inside doorkeeper.

NEGRO ORDER BEGINS ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Independent Order of Colored Men and Women of America convened in Schell's hall, West Mitchell and Haynes streets, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. T. Wilkinson, Book steward of the A. M. E. church, grand master, in charge; John W. Mosely, secretary; J. O. Ross, treasurer; Mary [illegible], chairman special committee.

[illegible] hundred and eighteen delegates, [illegible] special officers, compose the body that will hold day and night sessions. They represent 7,218 members. The organization is holding its twenty-first annual session.

Some of the important committees which the chairman announced were: "Education," "Moral Status of the Negro," "State of the Country," "How to Save the Boys and Girls from the Slums and Bad Lands," and "How to Establish Friendly Relations between the Two Races in the South."

President W. A. Fountain, of Morris Brown college, addressed the body last night, on "What it Takes to Make a Man." Richard D. Stinson of the Atlanta Normal and Industrial Institute, speaks Thursday night, on "Practical Education for the Masses." Bishop J. [illegible] Flipper, head of the A. M. E. church in Georgia, speaks Friday night.

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COLORED MASONS OBSERVE ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT

Celestial Lodge Has Dinner and Entertainment at Infantry Hall.

The fourth annual ladies' night of Celestial Lodge, No. 2, F. and A. M., was observed last evening at Infantry Hall, with approximately 200 members and ladies in attendance. Dinner was served, followed by a literary and musical entertainment and dancing, which continued until 1 o'clock.

A feature of the entertainment were vocal solos by Miss Mae York of New Bedford. Addresses were delivered by Worthy Master A. P. Grandy and Grand Master William H. Matthews of Newport. Grand Master Matthews and lady also led the grand march at the beginning of the dinner.

The officers of the lodge are: Worthy Master—A. P. Grandy; Senior Warden—H. P. Briscoe; Junior Warden—K. V. Paris. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of H. P. Briscoe (chairman), Dr. A. L. Jackson, K. V Paris, Dr. C. Gross, C. Scott, George Long, John H. Woodley and Walter Williams.

GALILEAN FISHERMEN HOLD CONVENTION

In Two Days' Session At Fitzgerald's Auditorium

The Supreme Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Galilean Fishermen, held their first session at Fitzgerald's Auditorium on Thursday mrning at 10 o'clock. About 60 delegates were present from all parts of the country, the meeting was called to order by Supreme Ruler P. H. Edwards. Lawyer Nutter, of this city, delivered the welcome address, exhorting the members to "fish for men," and thus elevate the womanhood and manhood of the race. Masterly in delivery and far-reaching in its effect, characterized the welcome address. The Rev. Douglass welcomed the order on behalf of the ministers of the city, and spoke in glowing praise of the order, and especially the women of the order, who play a conspicuous part, and the protection they should receive.

Solos and piano selections were ably rendered by members of the order. Closing hymn, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds." (Morning session.)